Anno xxxv. Reginæ Elizabethæ.

¶ At the Parliament

begun and holden at Weſtminſter *the xix. day of Februarie, in the* **fiue and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of** our moſt gracious Soueraigne Ladie ELIZABETH, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queene, defender of the faith, &c. And there continued vntill the diſſolution hereof, being the x. of Aprill,

To the high pleaſure of Almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.

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Anno XXXV. Reginæ Elizabethæ.

An Acte to retaine the Queenes Maiesties Subiects in their *due obedience.*

The first Chapter.

FOR the preuenting and auoiding of such great inconueniences and perils as might happen and growe by the wicked and dangerous practizes of seditious Sectaries and disloiall persons, Be it enacted by ỹ Queens most excellent Maiestie, and by the Lords Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, That if any person or persons aboue the age of sixteene yeeres which shall obstinately refuse to repaire to some Church, Chappell, or vsuall place of Common praier to heare diuine seruice, established by her Maiesties lawes and Statutes in that behalfe made, and shall forbeare to doe the same by the space of a moneth next after, without lawfull cause, shall at any time after xl. dayes next after the end of this Session of Parliament, by Printing, writing or expresse wordes or speaches aduisedly and purposely practise or goe about to moue or perswade any of her Maiesties Subiectes, or any other within her Highnesse Realmes or dominions, to denie, withstand, and impugne her Maiesties power and authoritie in causes Ecclesiasticall, united and annexed to the Imperiall crowne of this Realme, or to that ende or purpose shall aduisedlie and maliciouslie moue or perswade any other person whatsoeuer, to forbeare or abstaine from comming to Church to heare diuine seruice, or to receiue the Communion according to her Maiesties lawes and Statutes aforesayd, or to come to or to be present at any vnlawfull assemblies, conuenticles, or meetings, vnder colour

lour or pretence of any exercise of Religion, contrary to her Maiesties sayde lawes and Statutes: Or if any person or persons which shall obstinately refuse to repaire to some Church, Chappell, or vsuall place of Common prayer, and shall forbeare by the space of a moneth to heare diuine Seruice, as is aforesayde, shall after the sayde fortie dayes, either of him, or themselues, or by the motion, perswasion, inticement or allurement of any other, willingly ioyne in, or be present at any such assemblies, cõuenticles, or meetings, vnder colour or pretence of any such exercise of Religion, contrarie to the lawes and Statutes of this Realme, as is aforesayde, that then euery such person so offending, as aforesayde, and being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall bee committed to prison, there to remayne without baile or mainprise, vntill they shall conforme and yeelde themselues to come to some Church, Chappell or vsuall place of Common prayer, and heare diuine Seruice, according to her Maiesties lawes and Statutes aforesaide, and to make such open submission and declaration of their sayd conformitie, as hereafter in this Acte is declared and appointed.

Prouided alwayes and bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if any such person or persons which shall offend against this Acte as aforesayde, shall not within three moneths next after they shall bee conuicted for their sayde offence, conforme themselues to the obedience of the lawes and Statutes of this Realme in comming to the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and in making such publique confession and submission, as hereafter in this Acte is appointed and expressed, being thereunto required by the Bishop of the Diocesse, or any Justice of the Peace of the Countie where the same person shall happen to bee, or by the Minister or Curate of the Parish, that in euery such case, euerie such offender beyng thereunto warned or required by any Justice of the Peace of the same Countie where such offenders shall then bee, shall vpon his and their Corporall oathe before the Justices of the Peace in the open quarter Sessions of the same Countie, or at the Assises and Gaole deliuerie of the same Countie, before the Justices of the same Assises and Gaole deliuerie, abiure this Realme of Englande, and all other the Queenes Maiesties Dominions for euer, vnlesse her Maiestie shall licence the partie to returne: And thereupon shall depart out of this Realme at such Hauen or Porte, and within such time as shall in that behalfe bee assigned and appointed by the sayde Justices, before whome such Abiuration shall bee made, vnlesse the same offendour bee letted or stayed by such lawfull and reasonable

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meanes or causes as by the common lawes of this Realme are permitted and allowed in cases of Abiuration for felonie. And in such cases of let or stay, then within such reasonable and conuenient time after as the common law requireth in case of Abiuration for felonie as is aforesaide. And that the Justices of Peace before whom any such abiuration shal happen to be made as is aforesaid, shall cause the same presently to bee entered of record before them, and shall certifie the same to the Justices of Assises and Gaole deliuerie of the said Countie at the next Assises or gaole deliuerie to be holden in the same Countie. And if any such offenders which by the tenor and intent of this Acte is to be abiured as is aforesayd, shall refuse to make such abiuration as is aforesayde, or after such abiuration made, shall not goe to such hauen, and within such time as is before appointed, and from thence depart out of this Realme according to this present Acte, or after such his departure shall returne or come againe into any her Maiesties Realmes or dominions, without her Maiesties speciall licence in that behalfe first had and obteined, That then in euerie such case the person so offending shall bee adiudged a felon, and shall suffer as in case of felonie, without benefite of Cleargie.

And furthermore be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, That if any person or persons that shall at any time hereafter offend against this Acte, shall before he or they be so warned or required to make abiuration according to the tenour of this Acte, repaire to some parish Church on some Sonday or other festiual day, and then & there heare diuine seruice, & at seruice time before the Sermon or reading of the Gospel make publique and open submission and declaration of his and their conformitie to her Maiesties Lawes & Statutes as hereafter in this Acte is declared and appointed: That then the same offendour shall thereupon be clearely discharged of and from all and euery the penalties and punishments inflicted or imposed by this Acte for any of the offences aforesaid. The same submission to be made as hereafter followeth, That is to say, I A. B. do humblie confesse and acknowledge that I haue greeuously offended God in contemning her Maiesties godly and lawful gouernement, and authoritie by absenting my selfe from Church and from hearing diuine seruice contrarie to the godlie Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, and in vsing and frequenting disordred and vnlawful conuenticles and assemblies vnder pretence and colour of exercise of religion. And I am heartilie sory for the same, and doe acknowledge and testifie in my conscience, that no other person hath or ought to haue any power or authoritie ouer her Maiestie. And I doe promise and protest

without any dissimulation, or any colour or meanes of any dispensation: That from henceforth I will from time to time obey and performe her Maiesties lawes and statutes in repairing to the Church, and hearing diuine seruice, and doe mine vttermost endeuour to maintaine and defend the same. And that euery Minister or Curate of euery Parish where such submission and declaration of conformitie shall hereafter be so made by any such offendor as aforesaid, shall presently enter the same into a booke to bee kept in euery Parish for that purpose, and within ten dayes next following, shall certifie the same in writing to the Bishop of the said Dioces.

Prouided neuertheless, that if any such offendour after such submission made as is aforesaide, shall afterwards fall into relapse or eftsoones obstinately refuse to repaire to some Church, Chappell or vsuall place of common prayer to heare diuine seruice, and shall forbeare the same as aforesaid, or shall come or be present at any such assemblies, conuenticles or meetings vnder colour or pretence of any exercise of religion, contrary to her Maiesties Lawes and Statutes: That then euery such offendour shall loose all such benefite as he or she might otherwise by vertue of this Act haue or enioy by reason of their said submission, & shal thereupon stand and remaine in such plight, condition and degree to all intents as though such submission had neuer bene made.

And for that euery person, hauing house and family, is in duty bounden to haue special regard of the good gouernement and ordering of the same: Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall at any time hereafter relieue, mainteine, retaine or keep in his or their house or otherwise, any perso which shal obstinatly refuse to come to some church, chappel or vsuall place of common prayer to heare diuine seruice, and shall forbeare the same by the space of a moneth together, contrarie to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, that then euery person which shall so relieue, mainteine, retaine or keepe anie such person offending as aforesaide, after notice thereof to him or them giuen by the Ordinary of the Dioces, or any Iustice of Assises of the Circuite, or any Iustice of Peace of the Countie, or the Minister, Curate or Churchwardens of the Parish where such person shall then be, or by any of them, shall forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie for euery person so relieued, mainteined, retained or kept, after such notice as aforesaide, tenne pounds for euery moneth, that he or they shall so relieue, maintaine, retaine or keepe any such person so offending.

Prouided neuertheles, that this Acte shall not in any wise extend to punish or impeach any person or persons for relieuing, mainteining

mainteining or keeping his or their wife, father, mother, childe or children, wardes, brother or sister, or his wiues father or mother, not hauing any certaine place of habitation of their owne, or the husbands or wiues of any of them: or for relieuing, mainteining or keeping any such person as shall be committed by authoritie to the custodie of any by whom they shall be so relieued, mainteined or kept: Any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the more speedy leuying and recouering for and by the Queenes Maiestie of all and singular the paines, dueties, forfeitures and paiments which at any time heereafter shall accrue, growe or be payable by vertue of this Acte, or of the Statute made in the three and twentieth yeere of her Maiesties reigne concerning Recusantes: Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that all and euery the saide paines, dueties, forfeitures and payments shall and may be recouered and leuied to her Maiesties vse by action of debt, bill, plaint, information or otherwise in any of the Courtes commonly called the Kings Bench, Common Plees or Exchequer in such sort, and in all respects as by the Ordinary course of the common Lawes of this Realme, any other debt due by any such person in any other case shoulde or may be recouered or leuied, wherein no essoine, protection or wager of Law shall be admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that the third part of the specialties to be had or receiued by vertue of this Acte, shall be imployed and bestowed to such good and charitable vses, and in such maner and forme as is limitted and appointed in the Statute made in the eight and twentieth yeere of her Maiesties reigne touching Recusants.

Prouided also, that no Popish Recusant or femme couert shal be compelled or bound to abiure by vertue of this Act.

Prouided also, that euery person that shall abiure by force of this Acte, or refuse to abiure, being thereunto required as aforesaid, shal forfeit and loose to her Maiestie all his goods and chatels for euer: and shall further loose all his landes, tenements, and hereditaments for and during the life only of such offendor, and no longer: And that the wife of any offendor by force of this Act, shall not loose her dower: Nor that any corruption of blood shal growe or be by reason of any offence mentioned in this Act: But that the heire of euery such offendor by force of this Act, shal and may after the death of euery offendor haue and enioy the lands, tenements and hereditaments of such offendor, as if this Acte had not bene made. And this Acte to continue no longer then to the end of the next Session of Parliament.

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An Acte for the restreining of Popish Recusants to some certaine places of aboade.

The ij. Chapter.



For the better discouering and auoyding of such trayterous and most dangerous conspiracies and attempts as are dayly deuised and practised against our most Gratious Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the happie State of this common weale, by sundry wicked and seditious persõs, who terming themselues Catholikes, and being (indeede) spies and intelligencers not onely for her Maiesties forreine enemies, but also for rebellious & traiterous subiects borne within her Highnesse Realmes and Dominions, and hiding their most detestable and deuilish purposes vnder a false pretext of Religion and conscience, doe secretly wander and shift from place to place within this Realme to corrupt and seduce her Maiesties subiects, and to stirre them to sedition and rebellion:

Be it ordeined & enacted by our Souereigne Lady ỹ Queenes Maiestie and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that euery person aboue the age of xvi. yeres borne within any the Queenes Maiesties Realmes or Dominions, or made Denizen, being a Popish Recusant, and before the end of this Session of Parliament conuicted for not repayring to some Church, Chappel, or vsuall place of common prayer to heare Diuine seruice there, but forbearing the same contrary to the tenor of the Lawes and statutes heretofore made and prouided in that behalfe, and hauing any certaine place of dwelling and abode within this Realme, shall within forty dayes next after the end of this Session of Parliament (if they be within this realme and not restreined or stayed either by imprisonment, or by her Maiesties commaundement, or by order and direction of some fyre or more of the priuie Counsell, or by such sickenesse or infirmitie of body

body as they shall not be able to trauell without imminent danger of life, & in such cases of absence out of the Realme restraint or stay, then within twentie dayes next after they shall returne into the Realme and bee enlarged of such imprisonment or restreint and shall be able to trauell) repaire to their place of dwelling where they vsually heretofore made their common aboade, and shall not at any time after passe or remoue aboue fiue miles from thence.

And also that euery person being aboue the age of sixteene yeeres, borne within any her Maiesties Realmes or Dominions, or made Denizen, and hauing, or which hereafter shal haue any certaine place of dwelling and aboade within this Realme, which being then a Popish Recusant, shall at any time hereafter be lawfully conicted for not repairing to some Church, Chappel, or vsuall place of common prayer to heare Diuine seruice there, but forbearing the same contrary to the sayde Lawes and Statutes, and being within this Realme at the time that they shall be conuicted, shall within fortie dayes next after the same conuiction (if they bee not restreined or stayed by imprisonment or otherwise as is aforesayd, and in such cases of restreint and stay, then within twentie dayes next after they shall bee enlarged of such imprisonment or restreint and shall bee able to trauell) repayre to their place of vsuall dwelling and aboade, and shall not at any time after passe or remoue aboue fiue miles from thence, vpon paine that euery person & persons that shall offend against the tenour and intent of this Acte in any thing before mentioned, shall lose and forfeite all his and their goods and chattels, and shal also forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie all the lands, tenements and hereditaments, and all the Rents and Annuities of euery such person so doing or offending during the life of the same offendour.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesayde that euery person aboue the age of xvi. yeeres, borne within any her Maiesties Realmes or Dominions, not hauing any certaine place of dwelling and aboade within this Realme, and being a Popish Recusant, not vsually repairing to some Church, Chappell, or vsuall place of common prayer, but forbearing the same contrary to the same Lawes and Statutes in that behalfe made, shall within fortie dayes next after the end of this Session of Parliament (if they be then within this Realme, and not imprisoned, restreined, or stayed as aforesayd, and in such case of absence out of the Realme, imprisonment, restreint or stay, then within twentie dayes next after they shall returne into the Realme, and be enlarged of such imprisonment or restreint, and shalbe able to trauell)

trauell) repayre to the place where such person was borne, or where the father or mother of such person shall then be dwelling, and shall not at any time after remoue or passe aboue fiue miles from thence, vpon paine that euery person and persons which shal offend against the tenour and intent of this Act in any thing before mentioned, shall lose and forfeite all his and their goods and chattels, and shall also forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and all the rents and Annuities of euery such person so doing or offending during the life of the same person.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that euery such offender as is before mentioned, which hath or shal haue any lands, tenements or hereditaments, by copy of Court rolle or by any other customarie tenure at the will of the lorde, according to the custome of any Manour, shall forfeite all and singular his and their sayd lands, tenements, and hereditaments so holden by copy of Court rolle or customarie tenure as aforesayd, for and during the life of such offendor (if his or her estate so long continue) to the lorde or lords of whome the same be immediatly holden, if the same lorde or lordes be not then a Popish Recusant, and conuicted for not comming to Church to heare Diuine seruice, but forbearing the same contrary to the Lawes and statutes aforesayd, nor seised or possessed vpon trust to the vse or behoofe of any such Recusant as aforesayde, and in such case the same forfeiture to be to the Queenes Maiestie.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all such persons as by the intent and true meaning of this Act are to make their repaire to their place of dwelling and aboade, or to the place where they were borne, or where their father or mother shall be dwelling, and not to remoue or passe aboue fiue miles from thence as is aforesayde, shall within twentie dayes next after their comming to any of the said places (as the case shall happen) notifie their comming thither, and present themselues and deliuer their true names in writing to the Minister or Curate of the same Parish, and to the Constable, Headborough, or Tithingman of the Towne, and thereupon the sayde Minister or Curate shall presently enter the same into a booke to be kept in euery Parish for that purpose. And afterward the sayd Minister or Curate, and the sayde Constable, Headborough or Tythingman shall certifie the same in writing to the Justices of the peace of the same Countie at the next Generall or Quarter Sessions to be holden in the same Countie, and the said Justices shal cause ỹ same to be entred by the Clerke of the peace in the Rolles of the same Sessions. And to the end

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that the Realme bee not pestered and ouercharged with the multitude of such seditious and daungerous people as is aforesayde, who hauing little or no abilitie to answere or satisfie any competent penaltie for their contempt and disobedience of the sayde lawes and Statutes, and being committed to prison for the same, doe liue for the most part in better case there, then they coulde if they were abroade at their owne libertie: The Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doe most humbly and instantly beseech the Queenes Maiestie, that it may be further enacted, that if any such person or persons being a Popish Recusant, not being a femme couert, and not hauing Landes, Tenementes, Rentes or Annuities, of an absolute estate of inheritance, or freeholde, of the cleare yeerely value of twentie markes, aboue all charges to their owne vse and behoofe, and not vpon any secrete trust or confidence for any other, or goods, and chattels in their owne right, and to their owne proper vse and behoofe: And not vpon any such secrete trust or confidence for any other, aboue the value of fourtie poundes, shall not within the time before in this Acte in that behalfe limitted and appoynted, repaire to their place of vsuall dwelling and abode, if they haue any, or else to the place where they were borne, or where their father or mother shall bee dwelling, according to the tenour and intent of this present Acte: And thereupon notifie their comming, and present themselues, and deliuer their true names in writing to the Minister or Curate of the Parish, and to the Constable, Headborough, or Tythingman of the Towne, within such time, and in such manner and fourme as is aforesayde, or at any time after such their repayring to any such place, as is before appoynted, shall passe or remoue aboue fiue miles from the same: And shall not within three Monethes next after such person shall bee apprehended or taken, for offending as is aforesayde, conforme themselues to the obedience of the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, in comming vsually to the Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and in making such publike confession and submission, as hereafter in this Acte is appoynted and expressed, being thereunto required by the Bishoppe of the Diocesse, or any Justice of the Peace of the Countie where the same person shall happen to bee, or by the Minister or Curate of the Parish: That in euery such case euery such offendour beeing thereunto warned or required by any two Justices of the Peace, or Coroner of the same Countie where such offendour shall then bee, shall

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vpon his and their corporall oathe before any two Justices of the Peace or Coroner of the same Countie, abiure this Realme of England and all other the Queenes Maiesties Dominions for euer: And thereupon shall depart out of this Realme at such Hauen and Porte, and within such time as shall in that behalfe bee alligned and appoynted by the sayde Justices of Peace, or Coroner, before whome such Abiuration shall bee made, vnlesse the same offendours bee letted or stayed by such lawfull and reasonable meanes or causes, as by the Common lawes of this Realme are permitted and allowed in cases of Abiuration for felonie, and in such cases of lette or stay, then within such reasonable and conuenient time after, as the Common lawe requireth in case of Abiuration for felonie as is aforesaide. And that euery Justice of Peace and Coroner before whome any such Abiuration shall happen to bee made as is aforesayde, shall cause the same presently to bee entered of Recorde before them, and shall certifie the same to the Justices of Assises and Gaole deliuerie of the sayd Countie at the next Assises, or Gaole deliuery to bee holden in the same Countie. And if anie such offendour which by the tenour and intent of this Acte is to bee abiured as is aforesayd, shall refuse to make such Abiuration as is aforesayd, or after such Abiuration made shall not goe to such Hauen and within such time as is before appoynted, and from thence depart out of this Realme according to this present Acte, or after such his departure shall returne or come againe into any her Maiesties Realmes or Dominions, without her Maiesties special licence in that behalfe first had and obteined, That then in euery such case the person so offending, shall be adiudged a felon, and shal suffer and loose as in case of felonie, without benefite of Cleargie.

And bee it further enacted and ordeined by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any person which shall bee suspected to be a Jesuite, Seminarie or Malling priest, being examined by any person hauing lawfull authoritie in that behalfe, to examine such person which shall be so suspected, shall refuse to answere directly and truely whether he be a Jesuite, or a Seminary or Malling priest as is aforesaid, euery such person so refusing to answere, shall for his disobedience and contempt in that behalfe, be committed to prison by such as shall examine him as is aforesayde, and thereupon shall remaine and continue in prison without Baile or Mainprise, vntill hee shall make direct and true answere to the said questions whereupon he shall be so examined.

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Prouided neuertheleſſe, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that if any of the perſons which are hereby limitted and appointed to continue and abide within fiue miles of their vſuall dwelling place, or of ſuch place where they were borne, or where their father or mother ſhall be dwelling, as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue neceſſary occaſion or buſineſſe to goe and trauaile out of the compaſſe of the ſayde fiue miles, That then and in euery ſuch caſe vpon licence in that behalfe to bee gotten vnder the handes of two of the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſame Countie, with the priuitie and aſſent in writing of the Biſhoppe of the Dioceſſe, or of the Lieutenant or of any Deputie Lieuenant of the ſame Countie, vnder their handes, it ſhall and may be lawfull for euery ſuch perſon to goe and trauaile about ſuch their neceſſary buſineſſe, and for ſuch time onely, for their traueiling, attending, and retourning, as ſhall bee compriſed in the ſame licence, any thing before in this Acte to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo that if any ſuch perſonne ſo reſtrained, as is aforeſayde, ſhall bee vrged by Proceſſe without fraude or couin, or be bounden without fraude or couin to make apparance in any her Maieſties Courts, or ſhall bee ſent for, commaunded, or required by any three or more of her Maieſties Priuie Counſell, or by any foure or more of any Commiſſioners to bee in that behalfe nominated and aſſigned by her Maieſtie, to make apparance before her Maieſties ſayde Counſell or Commiſſioners, That in euery ſuch caſe euery ſuch perſon ſo bounden, vrged, commaunded, or required to make ſuch apparance, ſhall not incurre any paine, forfeiture or loſſe, for traueiling to make apparance accordingly, nor for his abode concerning the ſame, nor for conuenient time for his returne backe againe vpon the ſame.

And be it further prouided and enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that if any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo reſtrained as is aforeſayd, ſhall bee bound, or ought to yeeld and render their bodies to the Shiriffe of the Countie where they ſhall happen to bee vpon Proclamation in that behalfe, without fraude or couin to bee made, That then in euery ſuch caſe euery perſon which ſhall be ſo bounden, or ought to yeeld and render their body as aforeſayd, ſhall not incurre any payne, forfeiture or loſſe for traueiling for that intent and purpoſe onely, without any fraude or couin, nor for conuenient time taken, for their returne backe agayne vpon the ſame.

And furthermore be it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that if any perſon or perſons that ſhall at any time

hereafter offende againſt this Acte, ſhall before hee or they ſhall bee thereof conuicted, come to ſome Pariſh Church on ſome Sunday or other Feſtiual day, and then and there heare Diuine ſeruice, and at ſeruice time before the Sermon or reading of the Goſpell make publike and open ſubmiſſion and declaration of his and their conformitie to her Maieſties Lawes and Statutes as hereafter in this Acte is declared and appointed, that then the ſame offendor ſhall thereupon bee clearely diſcharged of and from all and euery paines and forfeitures inflicted or impoſed by this Acte for any of the ſayde offences in this Acte conteyned, the ſame ſubmiſſion to bee made as hereafter followeth, That is to ſay,

I. A. B. doe humbly confeſſe and acknowledge that I haue grieuouſly offended God, in contemning her Maieſties godly and lawfull gouernement and Authoritie, by abſenting my ſelfe from Church, and from hearing Diuine ſeruice, contrarie to the godly Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, and I am heartily ſory for the ſame, and doe acknowledge and teſtifie in my conſcience that the Byſhoppe or Sea of Rome hath not, nor ought to haue any power or authoritie ouer her Maieſtie, or within any her Maieſties Realmes or Dominions. And I doe promiſe and proteſt without any diſſimulation or any colour or meanes of any diſpenſation, that from henceforth I will from time to time obey and perfourme her Maieſties Lawes and Statutes in repayring to the Church and hearing Diuine Seruice, and doe my vttermoſt endeuour to maintaine and defend the ſame.

And that euery Miniſter or Curate of euery Pariſh where ſuch ſubmiſſion and declaration of conformitie ſhall hereafter bee ſo made by any ſuch offendour as aforeſayde, ſhall preſently enter the ſame into a Booke to bee kept in euery Pariſh for that purpoſe, and within tenne dayes then nexte following ſhall certifie the ſame in writing to the Byſhoppe of the ſame Dioceſſe.

Prouided neuertheleſſe, that if any ſuch Offendour after ſuch ſubmiſſion made as is aforeſayde, ſhall afterwarde fall into relapſe, or eftſoones become a Recuſant in not repayring to Church to heare Diuine Seruice, but ſhall forbeare the ſame, contrarie to the Lawes and Statutes in that behalfe made and prouided, that then euery ſuch Offendour ſhall looſe all ſuch benefite as hee or ſhee might otherwyſe by vertue of this Acte haue or enioye by reaſon of their ſayde ſubmiſſion, and ſhall thereupon ſtande and remaine in ſuch

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plight, condition, and degree to all intents, as though such submission had neuer bene made.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and euery woman maried, or hereafter to be married, shalbe bound by all and euery article, branch, and matter conteyned in this statute, other then the branch and article of abiuration before mentioned. And that no such woman married, or to be married during marriage, shalbe in any wise forced or compelled to abiure, or be abiured by vertue of this Acte, any thing therein conteyned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

An Act for explanation of the statute made in the xxxiiij. yeere of King *Henry* 8. *aswell touching graunts made* to his Maiestie, as for confirmation of letters Patents made by his Highnesse to others.

The iij. Chapter.

FOR asmuch as diuers ambiguities, doubts, and questions haue risen and beene moued aswell touching diuers surrenders, graunts, and conueyances made and graunted by sundry late Abbats, Priors, and other religious and Ecclesiasticall persons to the late King of famous memorie king Henry the eight, after the fourth day of Februarie, in the seuen and twentieth yeere of his reigne, of diuers their honors, mannors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, as also touching and concerning the validitie of the erections of such Deanes and Chapiters, and such Colledges as were erected, ordeyned, made or founded by the said late king Henry the eight, after the saide fourth day of Februarie, in the said seuen and twentieth yeere of his reigne: And forasmuch as the same doubtes and questions seeme not to be sufficiently remedied or prouided for, by the statute made in the foure and thir-

tieth yeere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, entituled, An Acte for confirmation of letters patents, notwithstanding misnaming of any thing conteyned in the same.

Be it therefore declared, explaned, and enacted by auctho*r*itie of this p*re*sent Parliament, that all and euery honors, mannors, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, which at any time heretofore were the possessions of any Abbey, Monasterie, Priorie, Nunnery, or other Religious or Ecclesiasticall house or houses, and which after the saide fourth day of Februarie, in the saide seuen and twentieth yeere of the saide late king Henry the eight, came to the handes or possession of the saide late king Henry the eight, or which were put in charge to or for his Highnesse in his Court of Exchequer, or any other Courtes of the saide late king concerning his Maiesties reuenues, or by any Auditor, or other officer of the saide late king, or which after the said fourth day of Februarie, in the seuen and twentieth yeere aforesaide, were graunted or conueighed, or mentioned to be graunted or conueighed, in or by any letters patents whatsoeuer, made by the saide late king Henry the eight, to any person or persons, body politike or corporate, were and shall be reputed, taken, and adiudged to haue beene lawfully and perfectly in the actuall and reall possession of the saide late king and his heires and successours, at such time as the same did so come to his Maiesties handes and possession, or were so put in charge, or graunted, or conueighed by the saide late king Henry the eight as aforesaid, notwithstanding any defect, want, or insufficiencie of or in any surrender, graunt, or conueighance of the same honors, mannors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, or any part thereof, to the said late king Henry the eight, or any other matter or cause whatsoeuer, by which his Highnesse was or might haue beene entituled to the same.

And be it further declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and singular letters patents made by the saide king Henry the eight, at any time after the said fourth day of Februarie, in the said seuen & twentieth yeere of his reigne, for the erection, foundation, incorporation, or indowment of any Deane and Chapiter, or Colledge, were and shalbe reputed, taken, and adiudged to haue bene good, perfect, and effectuall in the law for all things therein conteyned, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, any thing, matter, or cause to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Sauing alwayes vnto all person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successors, and euery of them, other then the late Abbats, Abbesses, Priors, Prioresses, & other

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gouernours of such Abbeyes, Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, and other Religious and Ecclesiasticall houses, and their successours, and such as pretended to be Founders, Patrons, or Donors of the same or any of them: or of any mannors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments belonging to the same, or to any of them: and their, and euery of their heires and successors, all such right, title, interest, claime, & demaunde, as they or any of them, or their, or any of their auncestors or predecessors might or ought to haue had of, in, to, or out of any such honors, mannors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, before the saide fourth day of Februarie, in the xxbii. yere of the reigne of the said king Henry the eight, or before the making of such letters patents by the saide king Henry the eight, as if the saide letters patents made by the said king Henry the eight, and the saide statute made in the saide xxxiiii. yeere of his reigne, and this present Acte had neuer beene made: this Acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte for the necessarie reliefe of Souldiers, and *Mariners*.

The iiij. Chapter.



FOR asmuch as it is agreeable with Christian charitie, policie, and the honour of our nation, that such as haue since the xxb. of March, Anno 1588. aduentured their liues, and lost their limmes, or disabled their bodies, or shall hereafter aduenture their liues and loose their limmes or disable their bodies, in the defence and seruice of her Maiestie, and the state, should at their returne bee relieued and rewarded to the end that they may reape the fruites of their good deseruings, and others may be incouraged to performe the like indeuors, Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery Parish within this Realme of England, and Wales, shalbe char-

ged to paye weekely such a summe of money towardes the relieue of sicke, hurte, and maymed Souldiers and Maryners that so haue bene as afore is sayde, or shall loose their limmes, or disable their bodies, hauing bene prested and in paye for her Maiesties seruice, as by the Justices of Peace, or the more part of them in their generall quarter Sessions to bee holden in the seuerall Countyes next after the ende of two moneths, from the last day of this present Session of Parliament, and so from time to time at the like quarter Sessions to bee holden, about the feast of S. Iohn Baptist yeerely shalbe appointed, so as no Parish be rated aboue the summe of fiue pence, nor vnder the summe of one penie weekely to bee payde, and so as the Totall summe of such taxation of the Parishes in any Countie where there shall bee aboue fiftie Parishes, amount not aboue the rate of two pence for euery Parish in the same Countye, which summes so tared, shall bee yeerely assessed by the agreement of the Parishioners within themselues, or in defaulte thereof, by the Churchwardens and the Constables of the same Parish, or the more part of them, or in default of their agreement, by the order of such Justices of Peace, as shall dwell in the same Parish, or (if none bee there dwelling) in the partes next adioyning. And if any person shall refuse or neglect to paye any such portion of money so tared, it shall bee lawfull for the sayde Churchwardens and Constables, or in their defaultes, for the sayde Justices of Peace to leuie such summe by distresse, and sale of the goods or chattels of the partie so refusing or neglecting, rendring to the partie the ouerplus raysed vpon such sale. And for the collecting and custodie of the summes tared in fourme aforesayde, Bee it enacted, that the Churchwardens of euery Parish shall truely collect euery such summe, and the same shall paye ouer vnto the high Constable in whose diuision such Parish shall bee situate, within tenne dayes before the sayde quarter Sessions, to bee holde next after two moneths expired from this Session of Parliament, in the Countie where the sayde Parish shall bee situate, and so from time to time quarterly, within tenne dayes before euery quarter Sessions. And that euery such high Constable, at euery such quarter Sessions in such Countie shall paye ouer the same to two such Justices of Peace, or to one of them, as shalbe by the more part of the Justices of Peace of the same Countie elected, to bee Treasourers of the sayde collection, which Treasourers in euery Countie so chosen, shall continue but for the space of one whole yeere, and then giue vp their charge, with a due

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accompt of their receiptes and disbursements, at their meeting in Quarter Sessions to such others, as shall from yeere to yeere in the fourme aforesayde successiuely be elected. And if any Churchwarden or high Constable, or his executours or administratours, shall fayle to make payment in fourme aboue specifyed, then euery Churchwarden, his Executours or Administratours so offending, shall forfeite the summe of tenne shillings, and euery high Constable, his Executours or Administratours the summe of fourtie shillinges, to bee leuied by the Treasourers aforesayde, by distresse and sale in maner before expressed, and to bee taken by the sayde Treasourers in augmentation of their stocke, to the vses aforesayde. And if any Treasourer, his Executours or Administratours, shall faile to giue vp his accompt, or shall bee otherwise negligent in the execution of his charge, then it shall bee lawfull for the more part of the Justices of Peace of the same Countie, in their Sessions to assesse such fine vpon such Treasourer his Executours or Administratours, as in their discretion shall seeme conuenient. And for the true and iust distribution and employment of the summes so receceiued according to the true meaning of this Acte, Bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euerie Souldiour or Maryner hauing had his, or their limmes lost, or disabled in their bodies by Seruice, beeing in her Maiesties paye, as aboue is mentioned, or such as shal hereafter returne into this Realme hurt or maymed, or grieuously sicke, shall repayre, if hee be able to trauaile and make his Complaint to the Treasurers of the Countie out of which he was pressed, or if he were no prest man, to the Treasurers of the Countie where he was abiding by the more part of three yeeres, before his departure to serue, or of the Countie where hee was borne at his election, and if hee bee not able to trauaile to the Treasurers of the Countie where hee shall lande or arriue, and shall bring a Certificate vnto any of the Treasurers aforesayde, vnder the hande and seale of the General of the Campe, or Gouernour of the Towne wherein hee serued, and of the Captaine of the Bande vnder whome hee serued, or his Lieutenant, or in the absence of the sayde Generall or Gouernour, from the Marshall or Deputie of the Gouernour, or from any Admirall of her Maiesties Fleete, or in his absence from any other Generall of her Maiesties Shippes at the Seas, or in absence of such Generall, from the Captaine of the Shippe wherein the sayde Maryner or Souldiour did serue the Queenes Maiestie, conteyning the particulars of his hurtes and Seruices, which Certificate

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shall be also allowed by the generall Muster master for the time being, residing here within this Realme, or Receyuer generall of the Muster Rolles, the Treasurer and Comptroller of her Maiesties Nauie, vnder his hand, that for the auoyding of all fraud and counterfeyting, vpon which certificate such Treasurers as are before expressed, shall according to the nature of his hurt and commendation of his seruice, assigne vnto him such a portion of relefe, as in their discretion shall seeme conuenient for his present necessitie, vntill the next quarter Sessions, at the which it shall bee lawfull for the more part of the Justices of peace vnder their handes, to make an instrument of graunt of the same or like relefe to endure, as long as this Acte shall stand in force, which shalbe a sufficient warrant, to all Treasurers of the same Countie to make payment of such pencion vnto such persons quarterly, except the same shalbe afterwards by the said Justices reuoked, so that such relefe as shalbe assigned, by such Treasurers or Justices of peace, to any such Souldier or Mariner, hauing not borne office in the saide warres, exceede not the summe in grosse, nor yeerely pencion of tenne pounds, nor to any that hath borne office vnder the degree of a Lieuetenant, the summe of fifteene pounds, nor to any that hath serued in the office of Lieuetenant, the summe of twentie pounds: And whereas it must needes fall out, that many of such hurt and maymed Souldiers and Mariners, doe arriue in portes and places farre remote from the Counties whence they are by vertue of this Acte to receyue their yeerely annuities and pencions, as also they are prescribed by this Act, to obteyne the allowance of their Certificates, from the muster Master, or Receiuer generall of the muster Rolles, who commonly is like to abide about the Court, or London, so as they shall neede at the first prouision, for the bearing of their charges to such places: Be it therefore enacted, that it may be lawfull for the Treasurers of the Countie where they shall arriue, in their discretion, vpon their certificate, though not allowed, to giue them any conuenient relefe for their iourney, to carie them to the next Countie with a testimoniall of their allowance to passe on towards such a place, and in like maner shal it bee lawfull for the Treasurers of the next Countie to doe the like, and so from Countie to Countie, till they come to the place where they are directed to find their maintenance, according to the tenor of this Statute.

And for the better execution of this Acte in all the branches thereof, Be it enacted that euery such Treasurers in their seuerall Counties, shall keepe a true booke of Computation, of all such summes as they leuie, and also a Register of the names of euery such person vnto whom they shall haue disbursed any relefe,

liefe, and ſhall alſo preſerue or enter euery certificate, by warrant whereof ſuch reliefe hath bene by them diſburſed, And alſo that the Muſtermaſter, or Receiuour generall of the Muſter Rolles, ſhall keepe a Booke wherein ſhall be entred the names of all ſuch whoſe Certificats ſhall be by him allowed, with an abſtract of their Certificats.

And be it further enacted, that if any Treaſourer ſhall wilfully refuſe to diſtribute and giue any reliefe according to the forme of this Acte, that it ſhall bee lawfull for the Juſtices of Peace in their quarter Seſſions, to fine ſuch Treaſourer by their diſcretions, the ſame fine to be leuied by diſtreſſe, and ſale thereof, to bee proſecuted by any two of them whome they ſhall authorize.

And bee it alſo Inacted that euery Souldiour or Maryner that ſhall bee taken begging in any place within this Realme, after the feaſt of all Saincts next, or any that ſhall counterfeite any Certificate in this Acte expreſſed, ſhall for euer loſe his Annuitie or penſion, and ſhall be taken, deemed and adiudged as a common Rogue or vagabond perſon, and ſhal haue and ſuſteine the ſame and the like paines, impriſonment and puniſhment, as is appointed and prouided for common Rogues and vagabond perſons.

Prouided alwayes and be it Inacted, that all the ſurpluſage of money which ſhall bee remayning in the ſtocke of any Countie, ſhall by diſcretion of the more part of the Juſtices of Peace in their quarter Seſſions, be ordered, diſtributed and beſtowed vpon ſuch good and charitable vſes, and in ſuch forme as are limited and appointed in the Statutes made, in the xiiij. and xviij. yeeres of her Maieſties Reigne, Intituled, An Acte for the puniſhment of vagabonds and for the reliefe of the poore and impotent, And an Act for the ſetting of the poore on worke, and for auoyding of idleneſſe.

Prouided alwayes that the Juſtices of Peace within any Countie of this Realme or Wales, ſhal not intromit or enter into any Citie, Borough, place or Towne corporate, where is any Juſtice of Peace for any ſuch Citie, Borough, place or Towne corporate, for the execution of any article of this Act, but that it ſhalbe lawfull to the Juſtice & Juſtices of Peace, Maiors, Bailifes and other head officers of thoſe Cities, Boroughs, places & Townes corporate, where there is any Juſtice of Peace, to proceede to the execution of this Act within the precinct and compaſſe of their liberties, in ſuch maner as the Juſtices of Peace in any Countie may doe, by vertue of this Acte, & that euery Juſtice of the Peace within euery ſuch Citie, Borough, place or Towne corporate, for euery offence by him committed, contrary to the meaning of this

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Statute, shall be fineable as other Justices of Peace at large in the Counties are by this Acte appointed to bee, and that the Maior and Justices of Peace in euery such Citie, Borough, place and Towne corporate, shall haue authoritie by this Acte to appoint any person for receiuing of the sayd money, and paying of the same within such Citie, Borough, Place or Towne corporate, which person so appointed, shall haue authoritie to doe all such things, and be subiect to all such penalties, as high Constables by vertue of this Act, should haue or be: Prouided alwayes that this Acte shall endure no longer then to the ende of the next Session of Parliament.

An Acte for explanation and confirmation of the Queenes Maiesties title to the lands and tenements late Sir Francis Englefields Knight attainted of high treason.

The v. Chapter.

WHere Sir Francis Englefielde Knight the Queens Maiesties naturall borne subiect departed this Realme in the first yeere of her Maiesties reigne with licence of her Maiestie, but after seuerall licences expired, did remaine and continue in the parts beyond the Seas in contempt of the Queenes Maiestie, and the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, notwithstanding hee had the Queenes Maiesties expresse and speciall commandement vnder her priuy seale to returne: And where he so being in the same partes beyond the Seas, bearing a traiterous heart to her Maiestie, and this her Realme, and knowing his person to bee safe from the reach of all due punishment, being in the dominions of the king of Spayne, and of the Pope of Rome, and hauing alwayes sithence his first going ouer the Seas as is aforesaid a full purpose to enter into some treasonable action against her Maiestie and this

this Realme, thought the same neuertheles to prouide for the safetie of his manors, lands & hereditaments, wherby the same might safely remaine in his blood & not be subiect to any maner of penaltie or forfaiture, whatsoeuer treasonable action hee should vndertake or practise, according whereunto the said sir Francis being in the sayd parts beyond the seas in the citie of Rome, in presence of diuers archtraitors to her maiestie & this her realme, did vpō fraud & fained considerations make a conueiance of all his said manors, lands & hereditaments to the vse of himself for life, & after his decease to the vse of Francis Englefield nephew to the said sir Francis, viz. sonne of Iohn Englefield yōger brother of the said sir Francis, & the heires males of his body lawfully begotten, w̄ remainder or remainders ouer, with, or vpō condition notwithstanding, that if the said sir Francis should by himselfe or any other at any time then after during his naturall life, deliuer or offer vnto the sayd Francis the nephew, or his heires, executors or administrators, one ring of gold, to the intent to make the vses & limitations limited, raised, & appointed in the said conueiance void, that then & from thencefoorth all the said estates, vses & limitations raised & appointed by the said conueiance should be vtterly void & of none effect, & that then the same manors & premisses should be in such sort, estate, & degree, as they were before the making of the said conueiance, the counterpart or other part of which conueiance, the said Francis ỳ nephew, who was partie to the said conueiance, had and sealed. After which conueiance so made, the said sir Francis thinking to be in all safetie aswel for his person as for his lands, hath committed most detestable & horrible treasons against the Queenes maiestie & this her realme, being the chiefest mouer & setter on of the late intēded Spanish inuasion, & mouer & procurer of forreine princes to be her maiesties enimies, which sithence ỳ time hath stood and cost the Queene & this her highnes realme inestimable charges, & is stil the cause & occasion of the like continuall charges and expenses: for which his detestable treasons the said sir Francis Englefield knight, according to his demerites, is as wel by the Common lawes of this realme, as by a statute made in the parliament holden at Westm. the 29. day of Octob. in the 28. yere of the Queens maiesties reigne, conuicted & attainted of high treason, & as well by the said statute, as by other the lawes & statutes of this realme, the said sir Francis Englefield knight, hath lost & forfeited to the Queenes maiestie, her heires and successors, all his manors, lands, tenements, rents, reuersions, remainders, rights, conditions & hereditaments whatsoeuer, which he had to his own vse, the day & time of his said treasons committed, or any time sithence, and the same were actually adiudged and inuested in the actual & reall possession of her maiestie, without any office or inquisition. And where also in the sayd Parliament holden in the said 28. yeere of her maiesties reigne, it was by a Statute intituled, An Act to auoyd fraudulent assurances made in certaine causes by

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traitors enacted, that euery person & persõs which had or claimed to haue any estate of inheritãce, lease or rent then not entred of Record, or certified into her Maiesties Court of Exchequer, of, in, or to, or out of any manners, lands, or hereditamẽts by or vnder any grant, assurances or conueiances whatsoeuer had, made or done at any time sithence the beginning of her maiesties reigne by any persõ atteinted for any the treasons mẽtioned in the said Act sithence the 8. day of Februry in the 18. yere of her Maiesties reigne, should within 2. yeres nert ensuing the last day of ỹ Session of the same Parliament openly shew & bring foorth, or cause to be shewed & brought foorth into her Maiesties said court of Exchequer, the same his or their graunt, conueiance & assurance which he or they then, or then before had or pretended to haue of, in, or to any the manners, lands, tenements, or hereditaments of the said traitours mentioned in the said statute, and there in terme time in open Court should offer and exhibite the same graunt, conueiance & assurance: Or vpon his or their othe affirming that he or they then had not nor could not come by the same, or that it was neuer put in writing, then the effect thereof in writing to be entred and inrolled of record, or els euery such graunt, conueiance & assurance should be vtterly void and of none effect, to al intents & purposes, as by the same statute more at large doth appeare. And whereas also the said Francis Englefield the Nephewe in the terme of S. Michael in the 29. & 30. yeres of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, viz. on the 20. day of Nouember in the said 30. yere of her Highnesse reigne did come in proper person into her Maiesties Court of Exchequer, and there in open Court did exhibite a writing, being as he alledged the effect of a certaine graunt, conueiance & assurance made by the saide sir Francis Englefielde after the beginning of her Maiesties reigne of sundry the manners, lands, tenements & hereditaments of the saide sir Francis Englefield, & there in open Court did take a corporall othe, that he then had not the said graunt, conueiance or assurance, nor then could come by the same: The tenor of which said writing of effect so exhibited by the said Francis Englefield ỹ Nephew hereafter foloweth, in hæc verba, viz. Sth. Berk. Oron. Wilts. Buck. War. Salop. &c. Sth. The effect of a conueiance made by Sir Francis Englefield Knight late atteinted of high treason Sth. The sayde sir Francis Englefield sithence the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that nowe is, and long before the treason committed, for which the saide sir Francis is attainted, & long before the statute made in the 13. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, against Fugitiues beyond ỹ seas in performance of sundry promises & agreements betweene him & sir Edward Fyton then of Gosworth in the county of Chester Knight now deceased, made vpõ conclusion of a mariage betweene John Englefield brother of the said sir Francis Englefield & Margaret Fyton sister of the said sir Edward, did by his deed indented in writing for & in cõsideration of the great fauor, zeale

zeale and affection that he did beare to Francis Englefield sonne of the said John, & of the neerenesse of blood that was betweene them, and for the aduauncement in liuing of the said Francis the Nephew in time to come, and for his preferment and for the continuance of the lands and tenements of the said Sir Francis Englefield, in the sayd deed expressed in the blood of the sayd Sir Francis Englefield, and in the name of the Englefields, and for diuers other good causes and considerations him mooving, for him and his heires couenanted and granted, to, and with the person or persons, partie to the sayd deed, That he the sayde Sir Francis Englefield and his heires, and all and euery other person and persons, and his and their heires, that then stoode and were seised, or that after that time should stand and be seised of, or in the Manors of Englefield, Tidmarshe, Tilehurst, Shindlesham, Brimpton, Illey, South Moreton, Spenham land, and Hartridge, and the grounds called Kittenden and Permens, in the Countie of Barkeshire: The Manors of Shiplache, Lashbrooke and Dundon, and the ground knowen by the name of Erlade in the Countie of Oxenford: The Manor of Wotton basset in the Countie of Wiltshire: The Manor of Edgecot in the Countie of Buckingham: The groundes and pastures called Broughton in the Countie of Warwike, and the reuersion and remainder of the parke called Fulbroke parke in the sayde Countie of Warwike, and of, or in the Manor and Isle of Upholland, and the Manors of Yeaton and Yagden, in the Countie of Salop, with all and singular their rights, members and appertinances, and of and in all & whatsoeuer other Manors, Farmes, messuages, lands, tenements, woods, waters, fishings, rents, reuersions, remainders, seruices, and hereditaments whatsoeuer, in the sayde Counties of Barkeshire, Oxenford, Wiltshire, Buckingham, Warwike and Salop, or elsewhere within the realme of England, in which the sayd Sir Francis Englefield then had any estate of inheritance, should from thencefoorth stand and be seised thereof, and of euery part thereof, and parcell thereof, to the vses and intents in the sayd deed expressed, and to none other vse, intent or purpose, that is to say, to the vse of the sayd Sir Francis Englefield for terme of his life naturall, and after his decease to the vse of the sayd Francis Englefield, his nephew, and of his heires males of his bodie lawfully begotten, and for default of such issues, to the vse of the right heires and assignes of the sayde Francis Englefield the nephew for euermore.

Prouided alwayes that if it should fortune the said Sir Francis Englefield after that time to haue any issue male of his bodie lawfully begotten, that then and from thencefoorth all the vses, estates, & limitations whatsoeuer cõteined or expressed in the said

deed, should be vtterly void and of none effect, as by the same writing exhibited in the said Court of Exchequer, and there remayning of Record, it doeth and may appeare. In which sayde writing so exhibited by the said Francis Englefield the Nephew, as the effect of the sayd supposed conueiance made by the sayd Sir Francis Englefield, the sayde Francis Englefield the Nephew hath not expressed the certaine and true date and time of the making of the said conueiance or assurance, nor the sayde condicion or prouiso, That vpon the sayd tender of a ring of gold, as aforesayd, the said conueiance should bee voide, but hath vtterly omitted the same. And where also our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie directed her highnesse Commission vnder the great Seale of England, to Richard Broughton, and Henrie Bourghchier Esquiers, authorizing them thereby iointlie and seuerally for her Maiestie, and in her Maiesties place, steade and person, to deliuer or offer vnto the sayde Francis Englefield the Nephew, a ring of gold, to the intent to make frustrate the vses and limitations limited, raised and appointed in the said writing made by the sayd Sir Francis Englefield, by force of which sayd Commission, the sayd Richard Broughton and Henry Bourchier did for our sayd Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, and in the name, place, steade and person of her Maiestie, offer to the sayde Francis Englefield the Nephew, one ring of golde according to the effect and tenor of the sayd Commission, to the intent to make voyd the said vses and limitations, as by the saide Commission, and the returne thereof remayning likewise of Record in the sayde Courte of Exchequer more at large it doeth and may appeare.

Bee it declared and enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd seuerall Attaindours of the sayd Sir Francis Englefield shall stand and bee good and effectuall in the lawe, And that the Queenes Maiestie lawfully and iustly was, and by the lawes and Statutes of this Realme ought to be intituled to take the benefite and aduantage of the sayde condicion and prouiso, and that in such and the same maner, forme and degree, and as amplie and fully in euery respect, as the sayd Sir Francis Englefield Knight, himselfe at any time might haue done, and that the sayd condicion performed by her Maiesties direction, and by vertue of her highnesse Commission, as is aforesayd, is well and lawfully performed. And that the said condicion and the possession of the sayd manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, was by the lawes and Statutes of this Realme lawfully, actually, and really in her Maiestie, and that without any Inquisition or office finding the same. And that the effect of the conueiance or assurance made by the said Sir Francis Englefield

gleſield which was exhibited, or pretended to be exhibited by the ſaide Francis the Nephew, in the ſayde Court of Exchequer in the ſayde Terme of Saint Michael in the xxix. and xxx. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, was not exhibited according to the true meaning of the ſayde Acte, made in the ſayde xxviii. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne, and therefore by vertue of this Acte is adiudged to be merely voyde and of none effect.

And bee it further enacted and ordeined by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and ſingular the Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rentes, Reuertions, and Hereditaments, with the appertinances which the ſayde Sir Francis Engleſield Knight had at any time ſithence his departure out of this Realme into the partes beyond the Seas, of any Eſtate of inheritance in poſſeſſion, Reuertion, remainder or in vſe, And which nowe are in the hands, poſſeſſion or ſeiſin of any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, by meanes of any Gift, Grant, Leaſe, Conueiance, or aſſurance in Fee ſimple, Fee taile, for terme of life, liues, or for yeeres vnder the great Seale of England, or vnder the Seale of the Court of Exchequer, made by our ſayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, at any time ſithence the ſayde Tender of the ſayde Ring of golde, ſhall be and remaine to the ſame perſon and perſons to whome her Highneſſe hath made any ſuch Gift, Graunt, Leaſe, Conueiance, or aſſurance in Fee ſimple, Fee taile, for life, liues, or for yeres, And to the heires & aſſignes of ſuch perſon or perſons of and for the parcels conteined in the ſayde Gift, Graunts, Leaſe, Conueiances or Aſſurances, according to the true intent and meaning thereof for the ſame Eſtates, and with and vnder the ſame Reſeruations, Couenants, Conditions, & Limitations as are conteined in the ſayd Gifts, Grants, Leaſes, Conueyances and Aſſurances, any lacke of Inquiſition, miſrecitall, or nonrecitall of any former Leaſe or Leaſes, or any other thing notwithſtanding: And for the Remainder or reuerſion of, or vpon the ſame Eſtate or Eſtates not graunted away by our ſayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene as is aforeſayd, if any ſuch be, together with the reſidue of the ſayd Honors, Lands, tenements, and hereditaments which the ſayd Sir Francis had at any time ſithence his departure ouer the Seas: the ſame ſhall be to our ſayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and ſucceſſors for euer.

Sauing to the Queenes Maieſtie her heires and ſucceſſors all ſuch Eſtate, Right, Title, Intereſt and demaund whatſoeuer, of, in, and to the premiſſes and euery part thereof, as her Maieſtie had, or might or ought to haue had before the ſayde treaſons and contempt by the ſayde Sir Francis Engleſield committed. And ſauing to all and euery perſon and perſons, and bodies poli-

like and corporate, their Heires and Succeſſors, and the Heires and Succeſſours of them and euery of them, other then the ſayd Francis Engleſield the nephew and his heires, and other then ſuch as claime by or vnder the ſayde aſſurance or conueiance ſo pretended to bee made by the ſayde Sir Francis Engleſield as aforeſayd, all ſuch eſtate, right, title, intereſt, vſe, poſſeſſion, reuerſion, remainder, entrie, condicion, fees, offices, rents, annuities, commons, hereditaments, profite or commoditie whatſoeuer, as they or any of them had of, in, to, or out of any the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents and hereditaments, or any parcell thereof, at, or before the ſayd treaſons committed, in as large and ample maner and forme to all intents and purpoſes, as they or any of them had before the making of this Acte, any thing herein conteined to the contrarie thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, ſhall extend to auoyde, preiudice, or impeach any eſtate, right or title of the ſayd Francis Engleſield the Nephew, or his heires or aſſignes, which he or they, or any of them, haue, or ſhal, or ought to haue in poſſeſſion, reuerſion, remainder or vſe, of, in, or to any the Mannors, Lands, Tenements and hereditaments aforeſayd, or any part thereof by vertue of any Letters Patents, Grant, conueiance or aſſurance thereof had or made before the firſt yeere of her Maieſties reigne: But that the ſayde Francis Engleſield the Nephew, and his heires and aſſignes, and euerie of them, ſhall and may haue and enioy the ſame eſtate, right, intereſt and title, of, in, and to the ſame Mannors, Lands, Tenements and hereditaments, and euery part thereof, as they ſhould, might, or ought to haue had, if this Statute had neuer bene had or made, and not any better or other, or otherwiſe, any thing in this Acte before mentioned to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And prouided alſo, and be it further enacted, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined, ſhal not in any ſort extend to auoid, preiudice, or impeach any Gift, Grant, Leaſe or Demiſe, for terme of life, liues or yeeres made by the Queenes Maieſtie vnder the great Seale of England, or vnder the Seale of her Maieſties Court of Exchequer, at any time ſithence the ſayde Sir Francis Engleſield was firſt attainted of high treaſon, and before the tender of the ſayd ring, as is aforeſayd, of any the ſayde Mannors, Lands, Tenements or hereditaments that were the ſayde Sir Francis Engleſields, but that all and euery ſuch Gift, Grant, Leaſe and Demiſe, ſhall be of the ſame force and effect to all intents and purpoſes, and of no better or other, as they were

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before the making of this Acte, and as they should haue bene if this Acte had neuer bene made, any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided furthermore and bee it likewise enacted, that this Act or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wise extend to auoid, preiudice, or impeach any estate, right, title or vse which the sayd Francis Englefield the Nephew, his heires or assignes, or any of them, shall or may haue, chalenge or claime, of, in, or to the Mannors, Lands, Tenements or hereditaments aforesayd, or any part thereof, by vertue or colour of a certaine writing indented, bearing date the fourth day of May, in the first yeere of her Maiesties raigne, supposed to be made betweene the sayd sir Francis Englefield knight, on the one partie, and Sir Edward Fitton knight deceased, and Sir Raph Egerton knight of the other partie, the substance & effect whereof is inrolled of Record in her Highnes Court of Exchequer, in the Terme of S. Michael in the xxx. and xxxi. yeere of her Maiesties raigne, in the Records of the same Terme, remayning in the office of the Queens Remembrancer, Rotulo CCCxlviij. nor to auoyd or impeach any estate or interest which Margaret Englefield widow hath, or pretendeth to haue for terme of her life, by any conueiance or assurance made by the sayde Sir Francis, the substance and effect whereof, is also enrolled of Record in the sayde Court of Exchequer, but that the same and euery of them, shall and may stand and be in the same plight, qualitie and condicion, as if this Statute had neuer bene had or made, and not any better or other, or otherwise, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

An Acte for restreint of new Buildings, conuerting of great houses into seuerall tenements, and for restreint of Inmates and Inclosures in and neere vnto the Cities of London and Westminster.

The vj. Chapter.

FOR the reforming of the great mischiefes and inconueniences, that daily grow and increase by reason of the pestering of houses with diuers families, harboring of Inmates, and conuerting of great houses into seuerall tenements or dwellings, and erecting of new buildings within the Cities of London and Westminster, and other places neere thereunto adioyning, whereby great infection of sickenesse and dearth of victualles and fewell hath growen and ensued, and many idle, vagarant & wicked persons haue harboured themselues there, and diuers remote places of the realme haue bene disappointed of workemen and dispeopled: The which enormities and defects, her Maiestie of her wisedome, princely consideration and care of hir subiects by her highnes Proclamation, dated at Nonsuch the seuenth day of Julie in the xxii. yeere of her Maiesties raigne did intend to reforme, vntill some good order might be prouided in Parliament.

Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament that no person or persons of what estate, degree or condition soeuer, shall from henceforth make and erect any newe building or buildings, house or houses for habitation or dwelling within eyther of the saide Cities, or within three miles of any of the gates of the said city of London, except it be to inlarge his or their house or houses that so shall build the same, or to adde some other buildings to his or their houses, or in their gardens for the more ease or pleasure of the builder, or that such newe house or tenement shal be fit for the habitation or dwelling of such a person as heretofore hath beene assessed to or for the Subsidie to her Maiestie at fiue pounds in goodes, or three pounds in lands, at the last assessement next before the saide newe buildings, or shall be iudged by the two next Justices of Peace, by writing vnder their hands and

and ſeales to be preſented at the next quarter Seſſions, to be fitte and able to be aſſeſſed in the Subſidie, according to that rate if before that time hee hath not beene ſo aſſeſſed, or except any ſuch newe building ſhall be made for any Hoſpitall for reliefe of the poore, vpon paine to forfeite for euery ſuch offence quarterlie the ſumme of fiue pounds.

And further be it enacted, that no perſon or perſons of what eſtate, degree or condition ſoeuer, ſhall at any time hereafter, conuert or diuide any dwelling houſe or other buildings nowe erected and builded, or hereafter to bee erected and builded within the Cities and places aforeſaid or any of them into diuers and ſeuerall habitations or dwellings for ſeueral and diuers families, Except euery ſeuerall houſe ſo diuided ſhal be fit for habitation or dwelling of ſuch a perſon as heretofore hath beene aſſeſſed to or for the Subſidie to her Maieſtie at fiue pounds in goods, or three pounds in lands, at the ſubſidie next before ſuch diuiſion, or by two Juſtices of Peace next adioyning, by writing vnder their hands and ſeales to be preſented at the next Quarter Seſſions, ſhall be thought fit and able to be aſſeſſed in the Subſidie according to that rate, vpon paine to forfeite for euery ſuch offence, (if any other perſon vnder that value ſhall inhabite ſuch houſe) the ſumme of fiue pounds, for euery moneth to be paide by that perſon that ſhall permit the houſe diuided to be inhabited. And be it enacted alſo, that euery perſō being not of ſuch value which ſhal hereafter dwell or inhabite in any ſuch houſe, ſo to be new builded, conuerted or diuided as aforeſaid, ſhal forfeit for euery month that he or ſhe ſhall ſo dwell or inhabite in the ſame the ſum of v.l.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that no perſon or perſons inhabiting and dwelling within the cities and places aforeſaid ſhal after xx. daies next enſuing this Seſſion of parliament receiue or take into his or their houſe or houſes anie Inmate or vnderſitter, or Inmates or vnderſitters, vpō paine to forfeit for euery month that he, ſhe or they ſhall haue and keepe, or willingly ſuffer in his, her or their houſe or houſes any ſuch Inmate or vnderſitter contrary to the true meaning of this Act the ſumme of fiue poundes as is aforeſaid.

Prouided, that this branch of this Acte, or any thing therein conteined, ſhal not extend to any perſon or perſons for taking or receiuing into his, her or their houſe or houſes any perſon or perſons which is or ſhall be aſſeſſed in the Subſidie at fiue pounds in goodes, or three pounds in lands or fees, or ſhall be thought able and fit to pay ſuch a rate in Subſidie as is aforeſaid.

And whereas diuers commons, waſte grounds & great fields neere adioyning to ỳ Cities aforeſaid which haue bin heretofore vſed for training and muſtering of ſouldiors, and for recreation,

comfort & health of the people inhabiting in the said cities & places, and for the vse and exercise of Archery haue of late yeres bin inclosed & conuerted into seueralties and to other priuate vses.

Be it enacted by ỹ authoritie aforesaid, that it shal not be lawfull to any person or persons to inclose or take in any part of the commons or waste grounds, situate, lying or being within three miles of any of the gates of the said city of London, nor to seuer or diuide by any hedge, ditch, pale or otherwise any of ỹ said fields lying within three miles of any of the gates of the saide Citie of London as aforesaid, to ỹ let or hindrance of the training or mustring of souldiers, or of walking for recreation, comfort & health of her Maiesties people, or of the laudable exercise of shooting where there hath bin vsuall exercise of shooting and marks haue bene there set, vpon paine to forfeit for euery moneth that he or they or any of them shall keepe any part of the said commons, or waste grounds inclosed or taken in for euery such inclosure x.li. and for euery moneth that he or they shall keepe any part of any of the same fields seuered or diuided for euery such offence x. li.

The one moity of al which peines, penalties & summes of mony to be forfeited by vertue of this Acte shal be to the churchwardens of all & euery parish and parishes where the seuerall Offences shalbe committed, to be employed by them, with cõsent of the more part of the parishioners being housholders, to the vse of the poore of the same parish or parishes, and the other moity to him or them that wil sue for the same by action of debt, bil, plaint, or information in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courts of Record, in which sute no essoine, protection, writ of priuiledge or wager of law shall be admitted or allowed.

And for the better relefe of ỹ poore in seuerall parishes where any of the offences aforesaid shalbe committed, be it also enacted, that the churchwardẽs of euery seueral parish (if they shal not be herein offendors) where any of the offences aforesaid shal be committed, & if they be offendors, then the Curate of the parish with two other honest men of the same parish being housholders, shall haue ful power & authority by vertue of this Act, to enter into al and euery house and houses, and other place & places where any offence shalbe committed against the true meaning of this Acte, and there to distreine for the moytie of all and euery such summe and summes, as shalbe forfeited by vertue of this Act, and the distresse and distresses to deteine vntill such moyty of the summe and summes of money so to be forfeited shalbe truely satisfied and paied according to the true intent and meaning hereof.

Prouided alwaies, that this Act, or any thing therein cõteined shal not extend to take away, preiudice or impeach any good vsages or custõs heretofore vsed in ỹ cities of Londõ & Westminster,

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or either of thē for the reforming or punishing any of the offences aforesaid, nor to any lord or lords hauing liberty to keep a Leet for punishing of any the offences afore mentioned within the iurisdiction of his Leete, as they might haue done before this Statute.

Prouided also ỹ notwithstanding any thing in this Act conteined, it shal & may be lawfull for euery such mariner, sailer or shipwright as shal be allowed by the L. Admiral and the maisters & company of Trinitie house for the time being in writing vnder their hands and seales to continue his habitation in any house that hath bene built sithence the said proclamation neere to ỹ Thames side, serving only for the habitation of such mariner, sailer or shipwright, and not to be vsed for any victualling house, nor for any storehouse for any merchandise, sauing such as shal appertain to ỹ arming or apparelling of ships. And likewise that any mariner, sailer or shipwright may hereafter build any house for such purpose, & for no other, or dwel neere the Thames side, so as it be distant from the very wharfe or bancke. xxx. foot, so as people may passe betwixt the said houses, and the said bancke, & the Thames. And so as in ỹ new building thereof euery house hereafter to be builded, may be distant from any other house aboue xx. foot, to auoyd casualty of fire, & so as also that there be no new landing place or staires made to take vp & lay to land, or to lay frō land, in any boat or ship any wares or merchandises.

And to auoyde doubts that may arise by reason of this Acte, be it further enacted & declared by the authority aforesaide, that two Iustices of peace inhabiting next to any of the houses or tenements aforesaid, shal haue ful power by vertue of this Act, to deride & determine, whether euery particular house or tenement before mentioned be sufficient & conuenient for habitation of a man assessed or fit to be assessed, to the subsidy for her Maiesty at v.li. in goods, or xx.li. in lands, And whether the inhabitant in any such house or tenemēt be of value or substance to be assessed in the subsidy, according to the rates aforesaid: And that a mile shal be reckoned and taken in this maner and no otherwise: that is to say, a mile to conteine eight furlongs, and euery furlong to conteine fortie lugges or poles, and euery lug or pole to conteine xvi. foote and a halfe.

Be it further enacted, that for auoiding of colorable continuing of Inmates against the intention of this Act by pretence of any leases or estates made to them, the said Inmates pretending any leases, shall at the next Leete or Court to be held in the Mannour or place where the houses inhabited by Inmates are situate, shall produce his or her lease, and thereof make good proofe before the Steward of the Leete or Court and the Iurie, which if he shall not do, then the said Inmate to be forthwith remoued as aboue is mentioned. This Acte to endure for seuen yeeres, and afterwards vntil the end of the Session of Parliament then next ensuing.

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An Acte for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting *of diuers Statutes.*

The vij. Chapter.

WHere in the first Session of parliament begunne in the Citie of London, the third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lord of famous memorie king Henry the eight, & from thence adiourned and prorogued to the Pallace of Westminster, An Act or Statute was made, Intituled, An Act for the true making of Cables, Hallers, and Ropes. And where in the Parliament holden vpon Prorogation at Westminster, the fourth day of Februarie in the xxiiii. yeere of the reigne of the sayd king, One other Act was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte against killing of yong beasts, called Weanelings. And where in the Session of Parliament ended at Westminster the first day of Februarie, in the fourth yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lord king Edward the first, One Acte was made concerning the buying and selling of Rother beasts and cattell. And also one other Acte was then and there likewise made, Intituled, An Act for the buying and selling of Butter & Cheese. And where also in the Parliament begunne at Westminster the xxiii. day of Januarie, in the first yeere of the reigne of the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and there continued by Prorogation vntill the dissolution thereof, An Acte was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for the preseruation of Spawne and Frye of Fish. And where also in the first Session of Parliament holden at Westminster the xii. day of Januarie, in the fifth yeere of her Highnesse reigne, One Acte was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for maintenance and increase of Tillage. And one other Act was also then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for the auoyding of diuers foreine wares made by Handycraftes men beyonde the Seas. And one other Acte was likewise

likewise then and there made, Intituled, An Acte touching certaine politique constitutions made for the maintenance of the Nauie. And where also in the last Session of Parliament holden by Prorogation at Westminster the last day of September in the viii. yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, One Acte was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for Bowyers, and the prices of Bowes. And where also in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, in the second day of Aprill in the xiii. yere of her Maiesties Reigne, there was one Acte and Statute made, for the auoyding of some leases in certaine cases, to be made of Ecclesiastical Promotions with cure, Intituled, An Acte touching leases of Benefices and other Ecclesiasticall liuings with cure. And where also, there was one other Acte and Statute made in the sayde Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster, the said second day of Aprill in the sayde thirteenth yeere, Intituled, An Act that Purueyors may take graine, Corne, and victuals within fiue miles of Cambridge and Oxeforde in certaine cases. And also one other Act was then and there made, Intituled, An Act against Usurie. And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the eight day of May, in the xiiii. yere of her Highnes Reigne, there was one other Acte made, Intituled, An Acte for the continuation, explanation, perfecting and enlarging of diuers Statutes, in which Statutes are conteined diuers branches, clauses and prouisions touching and concerning the explanation, perfecting and enlarging of diuers of the Statutes before mentioned. And where also in the first Session of Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the viii. day of May, in the fourteenth yeere of the Queenes Highnesse Reigne that nowe is, and from thence continued by Prorogation till the dissolution thereof, there was one other Acte made, Intituled, An Acte for the punishment of Vagabounds, and for the relieue of the poore and impotent. And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster aforesayde in the eighteenth yeere of her Maiesties Reigne, there was one other Acte made, Intituled, An Acte for setting the poore on worke, and for the auoyding of ydlenesse. And also one other Acte was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for repayring and amending the Bridges and Highwayes neere vnto the Citie of Oxonford. And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xvi. day of Januarie, in the xviii. yeere of her Maiesties Raigne one Acte was made, Intituled, An Acte for the repayring of Douer Hauen. And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xviii. day of Nouember in the xviii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, one other Acte was made for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation and perfecting of diuers Statutes, in which are conteined diuers branches, prouisions

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and clauſes touching and concerning certaine additions and alterations vnto and of diuers of the ſayd former recited Statutes and other newe prouiſions. And where in the ſaide Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, the xxiii. day of Nouember in the xxvii. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties Reigne that nowe is, there was an Acte made for the leuying of iſſues loſt by Iurors. And alſo there was then and there one other Acte made, Intituled, An Acte for the good gouernement of the Citie or Borough of Weſtminſter, And whereas in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, vpon Proroguation the fourth day of Nouember, in the ſecond yere of the Reigne of the late King of moſt famous memorie king Edward the firſt, One Acte was made, Intituled, An Acte for the true making of Vault, which ſaid Statute, was diſcontinued, and by an other Acte made in the ſaide Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, in the ſayde xxvii. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties Reigne that nowe is, Intituled, An Acte for the reuiuing of a former Statute for the true making of Vault, was reuiued and continued. And alſo one other Acte was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for the keeping of the Sea banks and Sea-workes, in the Countie of Norfolke. And where in the ſaid Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the iiii. day of Februarie in the xxxi. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties Reigne that nowe is, there was an Acte made, Intituled, for the true gawging of veſſels brought from beyonde the Seas, conuerted by Brewers for the vtterance and ſale of Ale and Beare. And alſo one other Act was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for reuiuing and inlarging of a Statute made in the xxiii. yere of her Maieſties Reigne, for repayring of Douer Hauen. And alſo one other Act was then and there made, Intituled, An Acte for the reliefe of the Citie of Lincolne: Foraſmuch as the branches, clauſes, and prouiſions conteined and ſpecified in the ſaid two Acts of continuance, made in the fourteenth, and xxvii. yeere of her Maieſties Reigne, in addition, alteration, explanation, perfecting and inlarging of diuers the ſaide Statutes, and other Statutes, and all the reſidue of the ſaid recited Actes, do ſeeme good and beneficial to the weale and profite of this Realme, Be it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſaide branches, clauſes, and prouiſions of the ſaide two Actes of continuance, and of the reſidue of the ſaide recited Statutes and Actes and euery of them, and all and euery article, clauſe, and ſentence in them, and euery of them conteined, and by this preſent Acte not repealed, except the ſayde Acte concerning the repayring of Douer Hauen, ſhall bee continued and endure in force and effect, vntill the ende of the Parliament next enſuing: And as concerning the ſaide Acte touching the repairing of Douer Hauen, the ſayd Act ſhal be by authoritie

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of this Parliament continued and endure in force and effect from and after the ende of the terme limitted by that Acte, and yet continuing vntil the end of the next Parliament then next ensuing.

Prouided alwayes, and be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all and euery such branch and branches of the saide statute made for the maintenance and increase of tillage, as concerne the eiring, plowing, vsing, and keeping in tillage for euer of such landes or groundes, or so much in quantitie as before the making of that statute had beene eyred or plowed, and put in tillage in any one yeere, and so kept in tillage by the space of foure yeeres at any time sithence the feast of S. George the martyr in the twentieth yeere of king Henry the eight, and euery matter, clause, article, prouision, penaltie, and forfeyture in the saide statute concerning the same, shall so farre foorth onely as they concerne the same, from henceforth be repealed, cease, and be vtterly voide, Any thing in the saide statute, or in this present Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that so much of the saide statute made for the maintenance of the Naute, as heretofore at any time was repealed, and all and euery such branch and branches of the saide statute as concerne the sowing of Flaxe or Hempe, or the reuiuing of one statute concerning sowing of Flaxe or Hempe made and prouided in the Parliament holden in the xxiiii. yeere of the reigne of King Henry the eight, and euery matter, clause, article, prouision, penaltie, and forfeiture in the saide statute concerning the same, shall so farre foorth onely as they concerne the same, from henceforth be repealed, cease, and be vtterly voide, Any thing in the said statute, or in this present Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that euery person eating any flesh vpon any fish dayes, contrary to the forme of the said statute made for the maintenance of the Naute, shall forfeite onely xx. s. or else suffer onely one moneths close imprisonment without baile or mainepryse. And euery person or persons within whose house any such offence shall be done, and being priuie, or knowing thereof, and not effectually publishing or disclosing the same to some publique officer hauing authoritie to punish the same, for euery such offence, to forfeite onely.xiii.s.iiii.d. Any thing in the said statute conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also and be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that when the price of Cornes or Graines exceedeth not the rates hereafter following at the times and Hauens, and places where and when the same Corne

or graine shalbe shipped or loaden, viz. the quarter of Wheate at xx.s. ꝙ quarter of Rye, Pease & Beanes at xiii.s.iiii.d. the quarter of Barley or Mault, at xii.s. of currant English money, That then it shalbe lawful for al & euery person and persons being subiects of her Maiestie, her heires or successors to loade, carrie, or transport any of the saide cornes or graines, in such maner and forme as in the said Act made for the maintenance of the Nauie, is limitted and appointed: And that the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors shal haue and receiue by the Customers and Officers of her Ports, for the custome or pondage of euery quarter of Wheate, to be transported by force of this Statute, ii.s. and of euery quarter of any other graine, xvi.d. which saide seuerall summes so to bee had or taken as custome or pondage, to bee in full satisfaction of all maner of custome or pondage for the sayde Corne or Graine, by any constitution, order, Statute, law or custome heretofore made, vsed or taken for transporting of any such maner of Corne and Graine.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that so much of the said Statute made in the xiiii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Act for the punishment of vagabonds, and for the relefe of the poore impotent, and of the saide Statute made in the xviii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Act for setting the poore on worke, & for auoyding of idlenesse, as concerneth the punishment of vagabondes, by gaoling, boaring through the eare, & death in the second degree, & euery matter, clause, article, and prouision in the sayd Statute conteyned, concerning the same, shall so farre forth only as they concerne the same from henceforth be repealed, cease and bee vtterly voyd: Any thing in this Statute conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that so much of one Acte made in the xxii. yeere of king Henry the eight, entituled, An Acte concerning how aged poore and impotent persons compelled to liue by almes shalbe ordered, and how vagabonds and mightie strong beggers shall be punished, as concerneth the punishment of any such begger impotent or vagabond person by whipping, and all braunches, articles and clauses depending vpon the same, other then the compelling of such persons to bee sworne, shall from henceforth stand and bee reuiued, and remaine in his full force and strength.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the saide Acte made in the xviii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, for the repairing and amending of the Bridges and highwayes neere vnto the Citie of Oxon. or any thing therein conteyned

teyned, shall not charge with any thing towards the amending of the saide Bridges and highwayes, any person or householder inhabiting within fiue miles of the Vniuersitie & Citie of Dron. not hauing in possession one yarde land. And that euery person hauing one yarde land or more in his possession, lying within the said fiue miles, shall pay yeerely the summe of foure pence onely for euery yearde land before the feast of Pentecost, vnto the Vicechauncellour, and Maior for the time being, or their deputie or deputies, towardes the amending of the said Bridges and highwayes, and no other penaltie, with like remedie by distresse for euery summe of iiii.d. which shall be due and not payed as aforesaid, as is conteyned in the saide statute for any penaltie therein limitted.

And be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lawfull for euery person for and during the space of twentie yeeres next ensuing, to make feoffements, grauntes, or any other assurances, or by last will in writing to giue and bequeathe in fee simple, as well to the vse of the poore, as for the prouision, sustentation, or maintenance of any house of correction, or abiding houses, or of any stockes or stores, all or any part of such of his lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and in such maner and forme as he might haue done, to and for the prouision, sustentation, or maintenance of any houses of correction, or abiding houses, or of any stockes or stores by force of the said statute:

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that all Shippes, Barkes, Vessels or Craiers, whereof any of her Maiesties Subiects shall be owners, or part owners of the burthen of twentie Tunne or vpwards, loading or discharging within this Realme, and passing to and fro any forreine Countrey, that are of any Porte, Hauen, or Creeke in Seuerne from the landes ende in Cornewall to Bristowe, and from thence to Glowcester, and from Milford Hauen to Chester, Lyrpoole, and all the Portes and Creekes to them or either of them belonging in S. Georges Channell, and from the said places backe againe, shall after the eight day of May, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand, fiue hundreth, ninetie and fiue, be discharged of the iii.d. of euery Tunne, for the reparation of Douer Hauen, The said statutes made for the repairing of Douer Hauen, or either of them, or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding: Except any of the said Shippes, Barkes, Vessels, or Craiers, shall goe for Douer, or to the Eastwarde. And that as well the said Shippes, Barkes, Vessels, and Crayers, that shall goe for Douer, or to the Eastward, as also al the Shippes, Barkes, Vessels, and Craiers, which shall crosse the narrowe Seas, shall pay in maner & forme

as hereafter is expressed and no more, that is to say, if they goe outwarde with any maner of loading, not a quarter loaden, then to paye after the rate of a quarter loading, and so ratably upwardes, according to their loading, but homeward to pay according to the full rate of the entrie of their loading of euery Shippe, Barke, Vessell, or Crayer.

And be it also enacted by the auctholitie aforesaide, that one Acte made in the seuen and twentieth yeere of her Maiesties reigne, entituled, An Acte for the maintenance of the Peere and Cobbe of Lyme Regis in the Countie of Dorset, shall be renewed, and stand in his full force and strength, for and during the space of tenne yeeres next ensuing, and so from thencefoorth to the end of the next Parliament then next ensuing.

And be it further enacted by the auctholitie of this present Parliament, that one Acte made in the Parliament holden at Westminster the three and twentieth day of November, in the seuen and twentieth yeere of her Highnesse reigne, entituled, An Acte touching the breadth of white wollen Clothes, made in the Counties of Wiltshire, Glowcester, Sommerset, and Oxonford, &c. And all and euery the branches, clauses, and prouisions in the same conteyned, shall from henceforth be, remaine, and continue in force and effect for euer.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any former letters Patents, or licence graunted by her Maiestie, to any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, for the transportation of any Corne or Graine, either at any lesser Customes, or Subsidies, then is conteyned in this present Acte, or without any Custome or Subsidie, but that they and euery of them, their deputies and assignes, shall and may transport Graine hereafter for the time in their seuerall letters Patents especified, either at such prices and rates, or without Custome or Subsidie in such maner and forme, as in the saide letters Patentes is conteyned, according to the forme and effect of the same letters Patentes, and in such maner and forme, and not otherwise, to all intentes and purposes, as if this present Acte had neuer beene had, or made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctholitie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes Maiestie, her Heires and Successors, may at all times by her and their Writte of Proclamation to bee published generally in the whole Realme, or in any the Counties of the Realme, where any Porte Townes are, commaunde, that no person shall by vertue of this Acte, transport, or carrye any maner of Graine out of her Highnesse Dominions generally, or out of

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any ſpeciall Portes to bee in the ſame Proclamation particularly named, for ſuch time as ſhall bee therein limitted and appoynted.

And that it ſhall not be lawfull for any perſon to carrye out any ſuch Graine, contrary to the tenour of the ſame Proclamation, vpon ſuch paines and forfeitures, as by the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme are and haue beene prouided and ordeyned in that behalfe: This Acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithſtanding.

An Acte for the auoiding of deceite vſed in making and ſelling *of twicelayed Cordage, and for the better preſeruing of the Nauie of this Realme.*

The viij. Chapter.

FOR as much as it is founde by common experience, that ſundrie perſons vſing the trade of making Cables, Halſers, and other kinde of Cordage within this Realme, haue of late for their priuate lucre and gaine vſed to make the ſame of old, caſt, and ouerworne Cables, Halſers, and Cordage: and yet haue craftely and deceitfully vttered and ſolde the ſame being tarred as newe, good, and ſtrong, and as made of new and perfect ſtuffe, couering and hiding the falſe & corrupt making thereof by tarring of them before the ſame be put to ſale, by reaſon whereof not onely diuers Shippes, Veſſels, and goods, aſwell of her Maieſties, as of ſundry her Highneſſe ſubiects, but alſo the liues of diuers of her ſaid ſubiects haue beene loſt, periſhed, and caſt away:

For remedie thereof, and for the auoiding of ſuch great loſſes, inconueniences and dangers as might otherwiſe hereafter enſue by ſuch corrupt, falſe, and deceitfull making of Cables, Halſers, and other Cordage, as is aforeſaide:

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Be it enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that if any perſon or perſons, ſhall after fourtie dayes next after the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, make or cauſe to be made, any Cables of any olde and ouerworne ſtuffe, which ſhall conteine aboue ſeuen yncheſ in compaſſe: Then euery perſon ſo offending, ſhall forfeite and loſe foure times the value of euery ſuch Cable ſo by him or her made or cauſed to be made as is aforeſaid. And if any perſon or perſons, after the ſaid fourtie dayes next after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall tarre, or cauſe to be tarred any Hallers or other Cordage made within this Realme, of ſuch olde and ouerworne ſtuffe as aforeſaid, being of leſſer aſſiſe, and not conteyning in compaſſe ſeuen yncheſ, and ſhall after by way of retayle ſell, or put to ſale, or cauſe to be ſolde or put to ſale the ſame being ſo tarred: That euery perſon ſo offending, ſhall forfeite and loſe the treble value of euery Cable, Halſer, and other Cordage, being of leſſer aſſiſe, and made of ſuch olde and ouerworne ſtuffe as is aforeſaid, which ſhall be ſo ſolde or put to ſale, being tarred as aforeſaid: The one moitie of all which forfeitures ſhall be to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie to ſuch perſon or perſons as will ſue for the ſame, by action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Inforamation, wherein no Eſſoigne, Protection, or Wager of lawe ſhall be allowed.

And furthermore, that euery perſon which ſhall in any wiſe offend againſt the tenour and meaning of this Acte, ſhall be impriſoned for the ſame during her Maieſties pleaſure.

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An Acte touching the breadth of Plunkets, Azures, and Blewes, *and other coloured Clothes, made with-* in the Countie of Somerſet, and elſe-where of like making.

The ix. Chapter.



Whereas in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter in the fift and ſixt yeeres of the Reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde king Edward the ſixt, One ſtatute was made Intituled, An Acte for the true making of Woollen Clothe, whereby (among other thinges) it was Inacted, ỹ all broade Plunkets, Azures, Blewes, and other coloured Clothe, which after the feaſt of S. Michael the Archangel then next comming, ſhould bee made within the Shires of Wiltſhire, Glocester, or Somerſet, or elſewhere of like making, ſhould conteine in length being through wette, betwixt fiue and twentie, and eight and twentie yeards, yeard & inche of the rule, and ſhould be ſeuen quarters within the liſts at the leaſt, & liſted according to the ancient cuſtome, and being wel ſcoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, ſhould weigh threeſcore and eight pound the peece at the leaſt, as by the ſaid Act, among diuers clauſes, articles & prouiſions cõteined in the ſame, more plainly is expreſſed: Sithence the making of which ſaide ſtatute, although the makers of the ſaid coloured Clothes, haue endeuoured themſelues, according to their beſt ſkill and induſtrie, to performe & fulfil the ſaid recited Statute in euery of their clothes, as much as in them did lie, as touching the bredth of Clothes, and to that ende & purpoſe haue allowed and doe allowe ſo much yarne and ſtuffe to euery ſuch cloth as might ſufficiently ſerue, to make all the ſaide coloured Clothes full out in length, breath & weight, according to the ſaid ſtatute made in the fift and ſixt yeres of king Edwarde the ſixt: Yet notwithſtanding many times, by reaſon of the diuers natures in the woolles, and by the great diuerſities in the Spinning, Carding, and Milling, many of the ſayde coloured Clothes made within the ſayde Countie of Somerſet and elſewhere of like making, doe not conteine full ſeuen

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quarters in breadth, according to the saide statute made in the fift and sixth yeeres of king Edward the sixth, and yet no default touching the saide breadth can iustly be imputed to the maker thereof, for that the said Clothmakers (as experience dayly sheweth) cannot obserue the said former statute in al the said Clothes, as touching the breadth, although they endeuour themselues neuer so much thereunto, which Clothes not conteyning their full assize in breadth as is aforesaide, are many times taken and seised by the searchers of London, when they come to their market at Blackwell hall, to the great losse and dammage of the said Cloth makers, and to the great hinderance of Cloth making within the said Countie: In consideration whereof, albeit it is not hereby intended, to repeale or make voide the said former recited statute, otherwise then is hereafter expressed: yet neuertheless be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that no person or persons shall be hereafter charged for any such default, which hereafter shall be, in any of the said broade Plunkettes, Azures, Blewes, or other coloured Clothes, for want of breadth of seuen quarters, so that the same Cloth doe conteyne in breadth, being throughly wette, fiue quarters and an halfe at the least within the lists vnwrought, and listed according to the auncient custome, Any thing in the saide former recited statute mentioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any of the said Clothes shall not conteyne fiue quarters and an halfe at the least within the lists, as is aforesaid, that then euery person offending in that behalfe, shall for euery such Cloth be subiect to such paines, penalties, and forfeitures, as were by force of the former recited Statute of the fift and sixth yeeres of king Edward the sixth, to haue beene forfeited for want of breadth of seuen quarters within the lists.

And be it neuertheless enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any of the said broade Plunkets, Azures, Blewes, or other coloured Clothes, being well scowred, thicked, milled, and fully dyed, shall conteine in weight any lesse then threescore and eight pounds at the least, that then euery of the said Clothiers therein offending, shall incurre double such penalties and forfeitures, for euery pound so wanting of the said weight, and not weighing after such rate as is before expressed in and by the said statute, made in the fift and sixth yeeres of king Edward the sixth, is limitted and appointed.

And be it neuertheless enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that

that if any of the Clothes to bee made within the Countie of Sommerset or els where, of like making, called Plunkets, Azures and Blewes, being well scoured, thicked, milled and fully dryed, shall conteine in weight any lesse then threescore and eight pounds at the least, Or if any of the sayde Clothes shall conteine in length any more then xxbii. yardes at the most, that then euery of the same Clothiers therein offending, shal incurre double such penalties and forfeitures for euery pounde so wanting, as by the sayde Statute of the sayd fift and sixt yeeres of the reigne of king Edward the sixt, are to such defaults limitted and appointed, And for euery yarde that any such Cloth shall conteine aboue xxbii. yardes in length, and not weighing after such rate as is before expressed, the maker of euery such Cloth shall incurre double the penalties by the Statute of the fourth and fift yeeres of the Reignes of king Philip and Queene Mary, to such defaults limitted and appointed.

An Acte for the reformation of sundry abuses in Clothes, called Deuonshire Kersies or Dozens, according to a Proclamation of the xxxiiij. yeere of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is.

The x. Chapter.



IN their most humble and dutiful wise shewen, and beseechen your Highnesse, your true and faithfull subiects the Clothiers, Merchãts and Chapmen of your Countie of Deuon, and of the Counties adioyning, That where in the moneth of Januarie in the foure and thirtieth yeere of your Maiesties most happie reigne, aswell at the humble sute and petition of sundry your sayde subiects, as vpon Certificate of diuers Justices in your Highnesse saide County of Deuon, and vpon complaint of

the States of Holland, It pleased your Highnesse, with the aduise of your most Honorable priuie Counsaile, by your Highnesse Proclamation, for the reformation of the insufficiencies growen in the Clothes called Deuonshire Kerseys or Dozens, (a commoditie heretofore in great request, prise, and estimation, both amongst your naturall Subiects, and in foreyne Nations and Countreys) but of late marueilously (and not without occasion) discredited by the inuentions and newe deuises of the Weauers, Tuckers, and Artificers, To commaund that the Lawes before that time made and standing in force not repealed, for and concerning the premisses, should bee duely accomplished in all things: And that euery Officer should diligently perfourme his Office accordingly, and that the weight of the sayde Kerseys or Dozens being rawe, and wrought with cleane stuffe without any deceitfull addition, shoulde weigh fifteene pounde, and conteine in the Market at the least betweene fifteene and sixteene yardes in length, and that the same should bee sewantly wouen throughout of like sorted yarne, forbidding all other deceytes in Weauing, and all diminishing and vnreasonable drawing, stretching, and other deceites in Tuckers: And that each Weauer shoulde weaue his shopmarke in each Dozen, and a Purrell in each ende thereof, and that Officers should be appointed in Market townes to viewe, weigh, and trye the same Kerseys whether they were in length, weight or goodnesse, according to the rate and proportion set foorth in the same Proclamation, The same Proclamation to endure till the first day of this present Parliament, as by the same more at large may appeare:

Nowe most Gracious Soueraigne, forasmuch as by the sayde Proclamation, great order and better making of the saide clothes for weight and length thereof hath ensued, and to the ende that hereafter further discouerie and restraint of all abuses and deceits, contrarie to the former Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, may bee prouided for, to the reuiuing of the reputation of so good, profitable and necessarie a commoditie, It may please your Maiestie with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the whole Communaltie assembled in this present Parliament, and by the authoritie of the same, that it may bee enacted and established as followeth, that is to say, that from and after the first day of July nowe next comming, each Kersey called Deuonshire Kersey or Dozen which shall be made and wouen within the sayd Countie of Deuon, or any other Countie next adioyning thereunto being rawe, vnscoured, vntucked and vnwet, as it commeth from the Weauers beame, & being made of cleane & perfect stuffe,

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that is to wit, of wooll, ſhorne, clenſed, and throughly waſhed or ſcoured, after the ſhearing and before the weauing, without any fraude, deceite, policie or deuiſe, or any ſtuffe thereunto deceitfully or vnlawfully added in the working, or after the working thereof, for increaſe of the weight, ſhall weigh in the Market fifteene pounds or vpwards.

And that from and after the ſayde firſt day of July, euery rawe Deuonſhire Kerſey or Dozen, from thenceforth to bee woouen and made in the ſayde Countie of Deuon, or any of the other Counties adioyning being a Rudge wath Kerſey, that is to ſay, being made of fleece wooll waſhed onely on the Sheepes backe, and the wooll not being clenſed, waſhed and ſcoured after it is ſhorne and before it is wouen, ſhall (without any fraude, deceite, policie, deuiſe, or addition of ſtuffe whatſoeuer to increaſe the weight thereof) weigh in the Market ſeuenteene pounds at the leaſt being rawe as it commeth off the Weauers beame, and each and euery of the ſame Deuonſhire Kerſeys or Dozens ſo being rawe and as it commeth forth of the Weauers loome (without racking, ſtretching, ſtreyning or other deuice to increaſe the length thereof) ſhall conteine in length betweene fifteene and ſixteene yardes by the meaſure of yarde and ynche by the rule, without which obſeruation of weight being rawe, they cannot fall out (after they bee well ſcoured, thicked and fully dyed) to conteine the length and weight expreſſed and limitted in the Statute of the fourth and fifth yeere of Philip and Marie, viz. twelue yardes in length, and twelue pounds in weight, as hath bene ſufficiently made knowen and teſtified to your Highneſſe ſayde Priuie Counſaile before the ſayde Proclamation. And if any Weauer ſhall worke or make any of the ſayde kindes of Kerſeys of leſſe weight or meaſure then is before mentioned after their kinde, euery ſuch offendour ſhall forfeite for euery quarter of a pound in weight which any of the ſayde rawe Kerſeys or Dozens which ſhall bee brought to any Market, or ſolde, or offered to bee ſolde, ſhall want of their weight aforeſayde, twelue pence, And for euery quarter of a yarde which ſhall bee wanting in length of either ſort of the ſayde Kerſeys, likewiſe being ſolde or offered to bee ſolde twelue pence. And that each ſort of the ſayde Kerſeys or Dozens ſhall bee ſeuerally wouen throughout of well and like ſorted yarne, And that no Weauer ſhall vſe any diuerſitie in the bigneſſe or goodneſſe of his yarne in any part of the ſayd Kerſeys, ſauing onely in the Liſtes, nor vſe any other practiſe in edging or weauing of any the ſame Kerſeyes or Dozens to make the ſame ſeeme finer neere the edge or Liſtes, then in other

part of the same Cloth. And that it may bee further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that each Weauer shall Weaue his shoppe marke of some coloured yarne in the ende of euery Kersey, which hee shall hereafter weaue or make, and shall also at each end of euery of the same Kersies weaue one purrell likewise of coloured yearne, of the breadth of three quarters of an inch at the least, whereby the deceitfull cutting and diminishing of such clothes by Tuckers or Fullers heretofore vsed, may hencefoorth be preuented. And if any Weauer shal vse any deceit in mingling his yarne, or shall omit his shop marke, or shall not weaue in euerie Kerseie two purrels, according to the tenor of this Act, he shal forfeit and loose for euery offence to the contrary, tenne shillings. And to the end that the weight and goodnesse of all the said Kersies called Dozens being rawe, may bee the better and more certainly knowen, It may further be enacted, That no Weauer nor any other person whatsoeuer, shall offer or put to sale any of the same rawe Kerseis called Dozens, before ỳ same haue bene viewed, weighed, and marked in some Citie, Towne corporate or market Towne, and allowed by such officer, and marked with such markes as shal be there in such Citie or Towne vsed and appointed for that purpose, vpon payne to forfeite and loose for euerie cloth sold, or offered to bee sold to the contrarie, tenne shillings, the one halfe of all which forfeitures shall bee to the vse of your Highnesse, your heires and successors, and the other halfe to the principall Officer or Magistrate of the Citie, Towne corporate, or Market Towne next adioyning to the dwelling or working place of such weauers as shall offend in any of the premisses, if he the same Officer or Magistrate shall first make seisure thereof, or else to the principall Officer of that Citie, Towne corporate, or Market Towne where the same shall be sold, or offered to be sold, to bee recouered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or Information, with costes, in any Court of Record, wherein no protection, wager of lawe or essoine shall be allowed. And for the better discouerie of the offences aforesayd, and the more perfect accomplishing of the premisses, It may be also enacted, that the principall Officer or Magistrate for the time being, in euery Citie, Towne corporate or Market Towne of the sayd Countie, or of any other of the Counties adioyning, where any such Kersies called Deuonshire Kersies or Dozens now are, or hereafter shall bee wouen, made, offered, or put to sale, shall euery yeere from hencefoorth, appoint and haue in readinesse at all times needfull, two or more discreet persons which shall be speciall and knowen Officers and Searchers, which shall attend and shall bee at his and their entrie into his or their sayde Office sworne during his and their

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continuance in the sayd Office, truly to view, weigh, and marke each Kersie called a Dozen, in such Citie or Towne, or any of them, made, solde, or offered to bee sold or put to sale, and to present each offence or defect which shall there fall out contrary to the true meaning of this Statute, euery which Searcher or officer, so to be hereafter appointed for this purpose in any such Citie, Towne Corporate, or Market towne, shall by force of this Acte, haue power and authoritie to enter in the day time, into all Shoppes, warehouses, or storehouses, and other places conuenient of the same Citie or Towne where he or they shall be so appoynted, there to view, search & see whether any Kersey or Dozen be made, solde or offered to be solde contrarie to the true meaning of this Acte, And also to see what paines, penalties and forfeitures shal be growen due to her Maiestie, by anie Weauer, seller or buyer, within the liberties & precincts of the same Towne, taking onely of and for the weighing and marking of euery Kersey, a farthing for his paines, and so according to the number, and no more, which farthing vpon euery Kersey is to bee payed by the seller of the same Kersey. And if such Searchers and Officers shall not be yeerely appointed and attendant at all times reasonable and conuenient, or shall neglect his or their duties in the true search, weighing and marking of the sayde Kerseys, or any of them, or shall marke any one Kersey which wants of his weight, as is aforesayde, that then and in euery such case the chiefe Magistrate of euery such Citie and Towne, shall forfeite and lose for euery such offence of their Searcher or Searchers twentie shillings, and for euery market day they shall want two, or one at the least of such Searchers, the summe of fortie shillings to be leuied as hereafter is expressed. And that it may further be enacted, that from and after the sayde first day of July, no maner of person or persons whatsoeuer, shall buy any such rawe Kersey called Deuonshire Kersey or Dozen, in any Market or elsewhere, vnlesse the same shall be first tried, weighed, and marked by the Officers of some Citie, Towne corporate or Market Towne, as is aforesayd. And that no Weauer, Tucker, Fuller, or other whatsoeuer, shall dresse or cause to bee dressed any of the said rawe Clothes called Deuonshire Kerseys or Dozens, vnlesse the same bee first tried, weighed, and marked in some one Market Towne by the Searcher or Searchers there in that behalfe appointed, vpon paine of forfeiture of euery such Kersey so bought, dressed or put to dressing which shall not before bee tried and marked as is afore mentioned. And for the auoyding of deceite of Tuchers or Fullers, that it may be enacted, that no Clothier, Tucker, Fuller or other person whatsoeuer, shall at any

time from hencefoorth cut or diminish the length of any Kersey called a Deuonshire Kersey or Dozen, and after offer or put the same to sale as a whole Kersey or Dozen, vpon paine of forfeiture of twentie shillings for euery of the same Kerseys or Dozens so cut or diminished, the one halfe of all and euery which forfeitures, not before limitted and appointed, shall be to our Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, and the other halfe to him or them that will sue for the same by Action of debte, Bill, plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record, wherein the plaintife is to recouer his costes, Also wherein no Protection, Wager of Lawe, or Essoyne shalbe allowed, This Acte to indure vntill the ende of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the bringing in of Clapboord from the parts of beyond *the Seas, and the restreyning of transporting* of wine Caske, for the sparing and preseruing of Timber within the Realme.

The xj. Chapter.

WHereas of late yeeres Timber is greatly decayed and consumed within this Realme, the want whereof is greatly to bee feared and speedilie to bee prouided for, And forasmuch as there is great occasion of spending and consuming thereof, by felling of great quantities of Timber, and conuerting the same into clouen Boorde for the making of Caske, which is vsually transported out of the Realme into the parties beeyonde the Seas, And forasmuch also as wine Caske brought into

into this Realme is very seruiceable, aswell for her Maiesties housholde, and Nauie, in time of her Highnesse seruice for victualling of her Highnesse Shippes, and also for victualling of Marchant Ships, and a great cause of sparing Timber within this Realme:

Bee it therefore Inacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that all and euery person and persons, which shall after the feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist next ensuing, shippe, carrie, or transport any Beere into the parties beyonde the Seas, to bee solde or exchaunged for other Marchandize, shall if hee bee a stranger, then before the same transporting, If hee bee a Subiect borne, then eyther before the same transporting, or within foure Moneths after, bring or cause to bee brought into this Realme, from the parties of beyonde the Seas, for euery fiue Tunnes of Beere two hundred of Clapboorde, fitte for to make Caske of, to conteyne in length three foote and two inches at the least, Or else the same Caske againe, or so much other good and sweete Caske in quantitie, and the same to bee entred at the Custome house without any colouring, Or if the same transporting shall bee into the Realme of Irelande, then to bring in maner and forme as aforesayde, somuch of Shaftolde boorde in quantitie as the sayde Clapboorde amounteth vnto.

And also bee it further Inacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no stranger borne shall after the last day of June, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde, One thousande fiue hundred ninetie foure, shippe, carrie, or transporte beyonde the Seas any Pilchers or other Fishe in Caske, vnlesse the same personne haue before such shipping, brought, or caused to bee brought into this Realme, from the parties beyonde the Seas, for euery fiue Tunnes of Pilchers, or other Fishe, according to the rate and maner aforesayde, of Clapboorde fitte for Caske, or else of Caske as aforesayde, vpon payne of forfeyture of the sayde Beere, Pilchers, and Caske, that shall bee shipped or laden to bee transported, into the parties of beyonde the Seas.

And be it further Inacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons after the sayde feast of S. John the Baptist next ensuing, to transport or carrie any wine Caske out of this Realme, with any Beere or Beere-ager, nor any wine Caske shaken, and sell the same Beere or

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Beereager, or Caske, Except for the victualling of any Shippe or portable vessell, or of any of her Maiesties garrisons and forces in the parties of beyonde the Seas, vpon paine of forfeyture of the summe of fourtie shillings for euery Tunne of Caske so carried or transported.

Prouided alwayes that this Acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not extende to the transportation of any Herrings whatsoeuer in Caskes, This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

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God saue the Queene.

Anno

Reginæ Elizabethæ.

Elizabethæ.

An Acte for confirmation of the Subsidies granted *by the Clergie.*

WHere the Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterburie, haue for certaine considerations louingly and liberallie giuen and graunted to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, two Subsidies of foure shillings in the pound, to be taken and leuied of all and singular their promotions spirituall within the same Prouince, at such dayes and times, and in such certein maner and forme, and with such exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and conteined in a certaine Instrument by them thereof made and deliuered to the Queenes Highnes, vnder the Seale of the most Reuerend Father in God, Iohn, now Archbishop of Canterburie, and Primate of all England, which Instrument is now exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified and confirmed. The tenour whereof ensueth in these words:

ILlustrissimæ & serenissimæ in Christo Principi, & Dominæ nostræ clementissimæ, Dominæ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensori. &c. Iohannes diuina prouidentia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas & Metropolitanus, omnimodam obedientiam & subiectionem, ac fœlicitatem, & salutem in eo per quem Reges regnant, & Principes dominantur. Vestræ serenissimæ Regiæ sublimitati per præsens publicum Instrumentum, siue has literas nostras testimoniales significamus & notũ facimus, quod Prælati & Clerus nostrę Cantuariensis prouincię, in sacra Sinodo prouinciali siue conuocatione, vigore & authoritate Breuis Regij vestri in ea parte nobis directi, in domo capitulari Ecclesiæ vestræ Cathedralis diui Pauli London. vicesimo die mensis Februarij, Anno Domini iuxta computationem Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo secundo iam currente, inchoata & celebrata, ac de die in diem & loco in locum vsq; ad & in decimum septimum diem prętentis mensis Martij ante meridiem continuata & prorogata in Ecclesia Col-

legiata diui Petri Weſtm. legitimè congregati pro quibuſdam magnis, arduis & vrgentibus cauſis per nos eis propoſitis, ac inter eos matura deliberatione ponderatis, pro defenſione regnorum & dominiorum veſtrorum, nec non & pro eorum erga veſtram Regiam ſublimitatem officio, duo vltronea ac ſpontanea & voluntaria ſubſidia veſtræ Regiæ munificentiæ vnanimi eorum conſenſu & aſſenſu dederunt & conceſſerunt, prout tenore præſentis publici inſtrumenti (ſeriem conceſſionis huiuſmodi in ſe continent.) pleniùs liquet & apparet: humiliter & obnixè veſtræ Regiæ Maieſtati ſupplicantes, quatenus hæc eorum ſubſidia pro veſtra ſolita clementia benignè accipiatis, ac benè conſulere gratioſè dignemini. Tenor verò dictæ conceſſionis de verbo in verbum ſequitur, & eſt talis.

The Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Canterburie, being lawfully congregated and aſſembled together in a Conuocation or Synode, conſidering their bounden dueties to your Maieſtie their moſt naturall and gracious ſoueraigne Lady, and hauing in remembrance the manifold & ample benefits which they daily receiue, not only by your moſt gracious and godly gouernement whereby they be conſerued in peace and quietneſſe, and ſo more able to ſerue God, and intend to their office and vocation, but alſo, and that moſt chieflie, by the ſetting foorth & aduancing of Gods moſt holy word, and his ſincere and true religion in this your realme, and aboliſhing of all forraine power contrary to the ſame: Conſidering alſo the great and importable charges, that your Maieſtie hath alreadie, and is like hereafter to ſuſtaine, as well in the neceſſary prouiſion of all kinds of munition, for the better fortifying both by ſea and land of your Highneſſe dominions, and withſtanding forreine inuaſion, as alſo in the prouident and needefull preuention of ſuch and the like intended attempts, manifeſtly tending to the diſturbance of our peace, to the vtter ouerthrow of the preſent happy eſtate of this your highnes Realme, to the miſerable ruine of diuers other Princes and countreis aſſociate and neere adioyning, and to the extirpation and rooting out of the ſincere profeſſion of the Goſpell of Chriſt both here and elſe where. And finally weighing that the malice of the aduerſaries of Gods trueth, ſworne enemies to your Maieſtie and to the proſperitie of this Realme, doeth dailie increaſe (as by many rare & notorious attempts and preparations in diuers reſpects farre exceeding thoſe of former time, hath and doeth appeare) whereby moſt dangerous and bloudie euents were and are likely to enſue, vnleſſe by the ſpeciall goodnes of Almightie God, and by your maieſties prouident care (as by a principall meanes) they had bene and ſhall bee hereafter preuented: which cannot be without your Maieſties very great and ineſtimable expenſes.

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In consideration of the premisses, and for a true declaration of their loyall affections and duetifull hearts and mindes towards your Maiestie, with one vniforme agreement, accorde & consent together, with most heartie good will haue giuen and graunted, and by these presents doe giue and graunt to your Highnes, your Heires and Successors (ouer & besides foure paiments of Subsidies granted the last Parliament, and due to be payde in foure yeres next following) two whole and entire Subsidies in maner and forme following.

That is to say, That euery Archbyshop, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, master of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, and Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name and degree he or they be within the prouince of Canterburie, enioying any Spirituall promotion, or other Temporall possession to the same Spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not diuided or separated by Act of Parliament or otherwise from the possession of the Cleargie, shall pay to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, for euery pound that hee may yeerely dispend by reason of the sayde Spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shillings for eche of the sayd two Subsidies. And for the true & certaine value of all the promotions and euery of them, whereof the paiment of this Subsidie shalbe made, the Rate, Taration, Valuation, and Estimation nowe remaining of record in your Maiesties court of Exchequer, for the paiment of a perpetuall Disme or Tenth graunted vnto your Maiesties most noble Father, in the xxvi. yeere of his reigne, concerning such promotions as now be in the possession of the Cleargie, shall onely be followed and obserued, without making any Valuation, Rate, Taration or Estimation, other then in the said record is comprised.

Prouided alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth part of the said Rate and Valuation before mentioned, is yeerely payd to your Highnes for the said perpetual Disme, so as there remaineth only nine parts yeerely to the Incumbent cleare: These two Subsidies of foure shillings the pound, shalbe vnderstanded & meant onely of euery full pound of the said nine parts, and of no more.

Prouided alwayes, that no person that is or hereafter shall be promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promotion, and hath or shall compound with your Maiestie, your heires or successours, for the first fruites of the same sithence the first day of this present Parliament and on this side the nineteenth day of Februarie which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God 1596. shall be contributorie or charged for the same benefice or promotion to your Highnesse, your Heires or Successours with any part of these Subsidies, during the first yeere after the time of any such compounding for his first fruits. And that euery such person already

promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promotion, as hath compounded with your Maiestie for the first fruites of the same, betweene the nineteenth day of Februarie in the yeere of our Lord God 1591. and the first day of this present Parliament, shall be contributorie or charged for the same promotion to your Highnesse, your heires and successors, but onely with the moitie of the first paiment of this first Subsidy in respect that the moitie of his first fruites for the sayde promotion remained vnpaide to your Maiestie the sayd first day of this present Parliament.

And your Prelates and Cleargie doe also graunt, that these two Subsidies of foure shillings of the full pound, of the nine partes of the yeerely value of euery Spirituall promotion aforesaid within the said prouince tared as is aforesayd, shall be payde to your Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, in maner and forme following: That is to say, two shillings of euery full pound onely aforesaid, yeerely vntill the same be payd. The first paiment of the former of these two Subsidies, to be due at the nineteenth day of Februarie, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde one thousand fiue hundreth ninetie three: And the second paiment of the same to bee due at the xix. day of Februarie, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand fiue hundreth ninetie foure: And also the first paiment of the latter of these two Subsidies, to be due at the nineteenth day of Februarie, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde one thousand fiue hundred ninetie fiue. And the second paiment of the same to be due at the nineteenth day of Februarie, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord one thousand fiue hundred ninetie sixe, to be deliuered & payde yeerely by such person and persons as in this present graunt shall be appointed to haue the Collection thereof, to the Lord high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer of England for the time being, or to such person or persons, and in such place or places, as shall please your Highnesse to appoint to bee payde, at or before the last returne of Trinitie Terme in euery of the said foure yeeres, without paying any thing to the receiuer, or to any other officer or persons to be assigned for the receite thereof, for any acquittance or other discharge vpon any such paiment or receite of the sayde Subsidies, or any part thereof, to be giuen and deliuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clarke for writing the same Acquittances or discharge for euery of the same paiments.

Item, your Highnesse sayde Prelates and Cleargie also doe graunt, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension payable by your Maiestie, your Heires or Successors, by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guilds and Hospitals, or of any other Spirituall dignitie or corporation

nowe diſſolued within the ſayde prouince of Canterburie, ſhall likewiſe pay to your Highneſſe, your Heires, and Succeſſours, foure ſhillings of euery pound of the ſayde penſions, within the ſayde firſt two yeeres, and foure ſhillings of euery pound of the ſayd penſions within the ſaide latter two yeeres, at ſuch dayes and times as are before ſpecified. And that for the ſure paiment thereof, deduction and detention of the ſame ſhall be made yeerely in the handes of the payers of the ſayde penſions, after the rate and portion of two ſhillings the pound, euery of the ſayde foure yeeres to bee accounted for and anſwered to your Maieſties vſe, by your Highneſſe receiuers and officers deputed for the payment of ſuch penſions, in their ſeuerall accounts: within the which, allowance ſhall be giuen them for their payment of euery ſuch penſions, liable to the ſeuerall paiments of the ſaid two Subſidies.

Item, your ſaid Prelates and Cleargie doe graunt that euery Prieſt, Deacon, or miniſter ſtipendary, executing any Eccleſiaſticall function, and receiuing an annuall ſtipend being no perpetuitie, of tenne pounds or aboue within the ſayde prouince, ſhall pay vnto the vſe of your Highneſſe, your heires and ſucceſſours, fiue ſhillings and eight pence in euery of the ſayd foure yeeres, at ſuch time and to ſuch perſons, as the ſaid Subſidies ſhalbe payd. and that euery Prieſt, Deacon, or miniſter executing any Eccleſiaſticall function, and receiuing an annuall ſtipend being no perpetuitie of fifteene pound or aboue within the ſayd prouince, ſhall pay vnto the vſe of your Highneſſe, your heires and ſucceſſors x.s. in euery of the ſayd foure yeeres to be leuied in ſuch ſort as is hereafter ſpecified for the Subſidies of the reſidue of Cleargie: And for default of the payment of the ſayd ſtipendaries, that euery Parſon, Vicar or other Spirituall or Temporall perſon, Proprietarie or Farmour, hyring any prieſt or miniſter to ſerue in any place, ſhall be anſwerable and charged for & with the payment of the ſayd ten ſhillings and fiue ſhillings eight pence for the ſayd prieſt or miniſter euery of the ſayd foure yeeres, and ſhal and may make retention of his & their wages quarterly, of ſo much as the ſayd ſtipendaries be charged with by this preſent graunt, euery of the ſayd foure yeeres.

Item, your ſaid Prelates & Cleargy do grant, that euery Archbyſhop, Byſhop, and (the Sea being voide) euery Deane & Chapter of that Sea voide, ſhalbe collectors of theſe Subſidies within their proper Dioces, during the ſaid foure yeres, other then of the penſionaries aforeſayd: & that the ſaid Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or (the Sea being void) the Deane and Chapter ſhall certifie into your Maieſties court of Exchequer vnder their ſeales, the names and ſurnames

surnames of all such stipendarie priests, deacons and ministers within their Dioces as be chargeable by this Acte, at or before the said last returne of Trinitie Terme yeerely during the saide foure yeeres: And those stipendarie priests and ministers onelie shall be reputed and taken to be chargeable by this Acte, which shall be in such sort certified, vnlesse within three yeeres next after such certificat exhibited, it shall be iustly proued that some are omitted that ought therein to haue beene certified. And in this case, such and so many other stipendary priests, deacons & ministers shalbe likewise accounted chargeable by this Act, as within the said three yeeres shalbe so found to haue bin omitted.

And your said Prelates and Cleargy doe most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, & your high court of Parliament (for the speedie payment of the saide two Subsidies, and to auoyd delaies thereof) that when and as often as any collector or collectors chargeable with the collection of these Subsidies or of any part of them, or the Deputy or Deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment of them, or of any part of them, to the vse of your Maiestie, your heires or successors, to any person or persons appointed to receiue the same by your highnes, or by the Lord high Treasurer: that the saide person or persons so appointed, shall within foure dayes next after such appointment, receiue, or cause to be receiued the money so offered to be paied, without any further delay, and deliuer one sufficient bill, testifying the receit thereof, to the said Collector or his Deputie, vpon euery such particular payment: And that euery such Auditor as is or shalbe appointed to take or receiue the accompt of any such Collector or Collectors, shall within sixe dayes next after request to him to be made, truely, and indifferently take the saide account, and make allowance as by this grant is appointed vpon paine that euery such person and persons appoynted to receiue the same summe or summes of mony so offered, and euery such Auditor, shall lose and forfeit for euery default or delay to be made, to the Collector or Collectors so offering to make payment or account as is aforesaid, the summe of ten pounds of lawfull mony of England, the one moitie thereof to be to your Maiestie your heires and successors, and the other moitie to the said Collector or Collectors so grieued, the same to be paid vpon complaint to be made to the saide Lord Treasurer, vnder Treasurer, or to the Lord chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Exchequer, who vpon such complaint shall presently examine the matter, and finding default, shall commit the offender to ward, there to remaine vntil he shall haue paide the saide seuerall summes so forfeited.

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your ſaid Prelates & Cleargie doe likewiſe moſt humbly beſeech your Maieſtie, that it may be enacted by your Maieſtie and your ſaid high court of Parliament in maner & forme following, (that is to ſay) That euery Collector of the ſaid Subſidies and of euery part & parcel of them, and their lawful Deputie or Deputies, may haue full power and authoritie to vſe al ſuch wayes and meanes and proceſſe as be preſcribed in the Act of perpetual diſme for the collection and leuying thereof, & may make account of the ſame, before the Lord hie Treaſurer or vnder Treaſurer of England for the time being, or any other officer by your Highneſſe or your Court of Exchequer to be appoynted for the ſame, & in ſuch place as your Maieſtie ſhal likewiſe aſſigne, in ſuch wiſe and after ſuch forme onely as the ſayd Archbiſhop and Biſhops be now charged to make account for the ſaid perpetuall Diſmes & Tenth: whereby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any Spirituall promotion or promotions, ſhall onely charge ſuch incumbent or incumbents, and ſuch others as be bound to pay the ſame: and that the Archbiſhop, Biſhop, and Deane & Chapter, gathering that which they can receiue, & making paiment therof, ſhall for the reſt not by them receiued be diſcharged by their Certificate to bee made at or before the laſt returne in Trinitie Terme in euery of the ſayd foure yeeres, vnto your Highneſſe Court of Exchequer, and that fiue pence of euery pound, wherewith the Collector ſhall bee charged in this account cleerely to bee paid into the receite of your Maieſties Exchequer, or into ſuch other place as ſhall pleaſe your Highneſſe to appoint, ſhall bee allowed to the ſayd Collector vpon his account for the ſame in euery of the ſayde foure yeeres for the charges of the ſayde Collection, Portage, ſafe conueying and paying of the ſaid Subſidies.

And moreouer, that it may be enacted likewiſe, that after any payment of the ſayde Subſidie ſhall be once due by vertue of this grant in any one of the ſaid foure yeeres if any incumbent of any benefice or promotion ſpirituall charged to the payment of either of ỹ ſaid Subſidies, being at any time after that ỹ ſame payment ſhalbe due, lawfully monished, either perſonally or at his dignity, ſtall, Church, or manſiõ houſe by the Archbiſhop or Biſhop of the Dioces, or his deputie or deputies, or the Deane & Chapter (the ſea being void) or by any of their deputie or deputies authorized in that behalfe, to appeare by himſelfe or his deputie, at a certaine day & place of conuenient diſtance to the ſaid incumbent then to be ſignified and prefixed, and then and there to pay ſuch parte of the ſaid Subſidies of his benefice or promotion ſpiritual, as then by vertue of this grant ſhall be due, do not either at the ſame day

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and place so to him signified and prefixed, truly content and pay, or cause to be contented and payd the same part of the said Subsidies, which then by him shall be due to be payed vnto the same Archbishop or Bishop, or to his Deputie or Deputies, or to the Deane and Chapter of any Sea being voyd, or to their Deputie or Deputies, or to one of thē shewing sufficient deputation from the said Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chapter, vnder his or their Seale in that behalfe, being ready at the same day & place so signified and prefixed, to receiue any paiment of the said Subsidies then due, and openly demanding the same, or else paie the same within fiftie dayes next after any such prefixed day at the furthest (so that open demand be made of the said paiment of the said Subsidies in and at the said place and day before prefixed:) that then euery incumbent so making default of paiment of his part of the said Subsidies, in any of ỹ said foure yeres, after such default thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer in writing, vnder the Seale & hand writing of any Archbishop or Bishop, or the common seale of the Deane and Chapter, the Sea being void, charged with the collection of the same Subsidies, so that the said Certificate shalbe made according to the forme hereafter expressed, and exhibited into your Maiesties sayd Court of Exchequer, at or before the last returne in Trinitie Terme in euery of the sayd foure yeeres, shall forfeit and lose vnto your Maiestie, your heires and successors, all the profits which of that onely dignitie, benefice or promotion for the which he maketh such default of paiment, and whereof such Certificate shall bee made, shall come, grow or arise vnto him, (ouer and aboue the charges of seruing the Cure) in one whole yeere next after such Certificat made and deliuered vnto your highnesse court of Exchequer, and there admitted in case the same Incumbent shal so long liue. And that euery such Certificate of any such default of payment, shall bee made according to the tenor and effect ensuing, mutatis mutandis.

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Vester humilis I. permissione diuina L. Episcopus, authoritate & vigore cuiusdam actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ tricesimo quinto editi & prouisi ad colligendum & leuandum Subsidia eidem Dominę Reginæ in eodem Parliamento per Prælatos & Clerum Cantuarien. prouinciæ concessa: videlicet, pro prima solutione primi Subsidij soluend. decimo nono die Februarij vltimo præterito infra Dioceſim nostram L. deputatus & authorizatus, omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentijs harum serie annuncio & certifico, me præfatum Episcopum modo quo præ-

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fertur deputat. & authorizat. ſufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requiſiuiſſe per N. O. deputat. meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione eccleſiaſtica, in quadam Schedula præſentibus annexa ſpecificati, ſummas dicti Subſidij pro dictis beneficijs & promotionibus debitas pro prima ſolutione dicti Subſidij debiti ſoluend. dicto decimo nono die Februarij vltimo præterito, prout in eadē Schedula præſentibus annex. plenius liquet & apparet. Sed dictas ſummas ex cauſis in eadem ſchedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei teſtimonium Sigillum meum præſentibus appoſui. Dat. die menſis Anno Dom. **The forme of which ſchedule aboue mentioned enſueth.**

Ciuitas L. vel Decanatus de H. A. rector vel vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud prædict. die vlt. præterito per N. O. deputat. meum ad ſoluend. apud eccleſiam de L. in com. R. die prox. ſeq. illam partem Subſidij per ipſum debitam decimo nono die Februarij vlt. præterito, pro promotione ſua prædicta. Sed prædict. A. B. nec apud eccleſiam de L. prædictam eodem die nec alibi per quinquaginta dies poſtea, ſummam per ipſum debitam (vt præfertur) ſoluit vel ſatisfecit, neque dictam ſummam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare ſiue recipere potui.

Prouided alwayes, that if any perſon or incumbent chargeable by this Act or grant to any payment of theſe two ſubſidies, ſhall profer or tender payment of any ſumme due to the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or to the Deane and Chapter where the Sea is voyd, or to any Deputie or Deputies of any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or Deane and Chapter aforeſaid, at any time before the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer as is aforeſaid, that then notwithſtanding the certificat made as is aforeſaid, againſt any ſuch perſon, the ſaide Incumbent or perſon, againſt whome the certificate was ſo made, ſhall and may auerre the offer or tender of his payment as is aforeſaid, and of the ſame ſhall be tryed, either by ſufficient witneſſes before the Lord Treaſourer and Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vpon any iſſue thereupon to be ioyned betwixt the ſaid Incumbent and anie other perſon or perſons, that he or any for him did offer or tender payment of the ſumme due as aforeſaide: That then euery ſuch Incumbent ſhall haue and enioy his promotion or promotions ſtil, without forfaiture or looſing to your Maieſtie, your heires or ſucceſſors, anie the profites thereof, and as though no certificate or default of ſuch payment had bene made or exhibited, anie thing in this preſent grant or Acte to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And further, that it may be enacted likewiſe, that euery Archbiſhop & Biſhop, and Deane & Chapter of euery Sea vacant, and

other persons chargeable to & with the collection of these Subsidies within the said province of Canterburie, shall & may haue vpon euery payment of the same Subsidies made to the Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England for the time being, or to such other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your Highnesse or your Court of Exchequer to appoynt for the receipt thereof in euery of the saide foure yeres, a sufficient acquitãce, discharge or quietus est, in writing of the said Lord high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer, or of such other person or persons, as either your Highnes or your said court of Exchequer shal assigne for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in ỹ like cases it hath bin accustomed, the same acquitãce, discharge or quietus est witnessing ỹ receit of so much of the same summe of ỹ saide subsidies as shalbe so receiued: & euery such acquitance, discharge or quietus est in writing, sealed & subscribed with the name or names of the Lord high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer for ỹ time being, or of such auditor or other person or persõs as it shal please your highnes or your said court of Exchequer to appoint for ỹ same receits, or of such others as heretofore in like cases it hath bin vsed, shal & may be good & effectual in the Law, and be also as sufficient a discharge to all and euery of the said Collectors, to all such intents, constructions and purposes, as if the same were made by Acte of Parliament: And that euery of the saide Collectours shall pay but onely three shillinges foure pence for euery generall and finall acquittance, discharge or quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the saide Subsidies: And if any person so assigned, shall refuse or delay to make such a generall or finall acquittance, discharge, or quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the saide Subsidies, or shall require and take for the same, any more then three shillings foure pence: Or if any other officer of the Exchequer shall require and take of anie Collector or Collectors, or of his or their Deputie or Deputies, in respect of the collection, payment, or account of the said Subsidies, or any part therof, or for expedition, or for any other cause or pretence whatsoeuer concerning the same, anie Fees or sums of money, other then are before in this present Acte expresly allowed vnto them, shal forfeit the summe of tenne pounds of lawfull money of England, to be payd and recouered in like maner, and to the same vses, as is before limited and expressed in this statute, touching the like forfeitures of Receiuers and Auditours: And also that euery particular acquittance, which vpon payment of any part of the same Subsidies shal be made by any Collector or Collectors of the same Subsidies, or of any payment of them, or by his or their Deputie or Deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall,

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or to any person or persons contributorie and chargeable to and with the same Subsidies or any part or payment of them, shall be good and effectuall in Lawe, & a full and sufficient discharge to euery such incumbent and other person and his benefice and promotion spirituall, of and for all such summe and summes of money as by the same acquittance shall bee acknowledged to bee receiued in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or any part of the same Subsidies: And that none acquittance of any other person or persons made before such certificate shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion for any part of his said Subsidies, nor of any paine, penaltie or forfeiture specified in this grant. And to the intent it may bee knowen to the Court of Eschequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery such Archbishop, Bishop or Deane and Chapter, authorized to receiue the same, and to make acquittance thereof, euery Archbishop and Bishop, and Deane and Chapter of any Sea being void, shall yeerely with the certificate of the names of the stipendarie Priests and Deacons, certifie the names of euery the Deputies to be appointed as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwayes, that no Collector of these Subsidies, or of any part of them, shall vse any Processe or compulsorie meanes, or exact any fees or summes of money for the same, or otherwise of any person for not paying the said Subsidies or any part thereof, at such certaine day and place, as shall be by the Collector or his Deputie, prefixed, in case the saide person shall tender the same vnto the Collectour or his Deputie, within twentie dayes next after such prefixed day: And that the saide Collectors shall not by themselues or any others, take of any person for the receipt of any seuerall payment of the saide Subsidies, and for his acquittance thereupon, anie more then foure pence, by any colour or pretext whatsoeuer.

Prouided also, that no Spirituall promotions, or anie lands, possessions or reuenues annexed to the same, being charged by this grant of the prouince of Canterbury, or any goodes or chattels growing, being or renuing vpon the same, or elsewhere appertaining to the owners of the saide Spirituall promotions, or to any of them, shall be charged or made contributorie to anie Fifteene or Tenth, or any other Subsidie already granted to your Highnesse by the Laitie, or hereafter to be granted, during the terme of the said foure yeeres.

Prouided also that al Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, & Prebendaries of all Cathedrall and Collegiat Churches & Colledges, or any of them within the said prouince, shall be charged with these Subsidies for those possessions, reuenues & promotions only, which to their seueral promotions, dig-

nities & roomes are cleerely & distinctly limitted, & to their onlie vse seuered, thereof to pay (the tenth part being deducted for eyther of the sayd Subsidies) foure shillings of euery ful pound, in maner & fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that al those rents, possessions, profites, portions, hereditaments & Spirituall promotions, and euery of them heretofore by your Highnes, or anie your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, giuen, graunted, bequeathed, deuised or impropriated vnto ỳ said Cathedrall or Collegiat Churches or Colledges, or to any of them, which any waies be assigned, employed or vsed, either for or towards the yerely maintenance of readers of Diuinitie, poore men, Scholemasters, Ushers, Grammarians, Peticannons, Conducts, Vicars Chorall, Singing men, Choristers, Virgers, Sextens, or of any other necessary or dailie officers or ministers, in such Cathedrall or Collegiat Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the reedifying or repayring of any of the same Cathedral or collegiat Churches, or Colleges, shal not be charged with any part of those Subsidies. The certaintie of which portions as well chargeable to these subsidies, as not chargeable in this behalfe, ỳ Archbishop, or Bishop of the Dioces, or (the Sea being voyd) the Deane and Chapter, or anie other to whome the same shall or may appertaine, vpon due search & examination, shall certifie vnder his or their seales, into your Highnes said Court of Exchequer, at or before the said last returne of Trinitie terme in euery of the said foure yeeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar or other Spiritual person, paying any pension, whereof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may retaine ii.s. of euery pound, of euery such pension euery yeere during ỳ said foure yeres, to his owne reliefe, in consideration that he is charged to pay these two Subsidies of iiii.s. the pound, out of euery pound, of the whole value of his promotion, any couenant, graunt or band to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided also, and your saide Prelates and Cleargie doe most humbly beseech your Highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties authoritie, and your high Court of Parliament, that where certaine lands, tenements, rents, Spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, fruits and other hereditaments, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall within the saide Prouince of Canterburie, which were giuen and assigned to bee bestowed and spent, in and on finding and mainteining of certaine chanteries, anniuersaries, obites, lights, lampes, and other like charges, intents and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late King of famous memorie, Edward

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the firſt, by the force of a Statute thereof made in the firſt yere of his reigne, as by the ſaide Statute more plainely appeareth: That the Cathedrall Churches, and the Biſhops, Deanes or Preſidents and Chapters, and Prebendaries of the ſame, and all other places and perſons Eccleſiaſticall or any of them, to whom the ſaide landes, rents and other the premiſſes or anie of them did lately appertaine, ſhall not during the ſaid foure yeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subſidie, of and for that part and portion of lands, tenements, rents, ſpirituall promotions and other hereditaments, or any of them, whereunto the ſayd late King, by force of the ſaid ſtatute, was intituled or poſſeſſed of, nor of any yeerely rents or payments, going out of the ſaide Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and perſons Eccleſiaſticall aforeſaide: And that deduction and allowance thereof be made to them, and euery of them accordingly, in and vpon euery payment of the ſaide Subſidies out of the whole value, taxation & eſtimation made for the paiment of the ſaide perpetuall diſme or Tenth, remaining of record in your Highneſſe Court of Exchequer as aforeſaide, for the rate and portion of lands, tenements, rents, ſpirituall promotions and other hereditaments, and thoſe yeerely paiments, whereunto the ſaid late King was intituled or poſſeſſed of, or which ſince the making of the ſaid ſtatute, by reaſon that they haue beene found as lands, tenements, rents, tithes, or other hereditaments concealed frō the ſaid late King Edward ỹ firſt, the late King Henry the eight, the late Queene Mary, or any of them, or from your Maieſtie, or otherwiſe are ſeuered from the poſſeſſions of the ſaide Cathedrall Churches and other places and perſons aforeſaid, or of any of them, by force of the ſtatute premiſed, or any otherwiſe.

Prouided alſo, that theſe two Subſidies granted by the Clergie, ſhall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, houſe of ſtudents or College ſituate or ſet within either of the Vniuerſities of Cambridge or Oxforde, or any benefice, landes or other reuenues vnto the ſayde Vniuerſities or either of them, or to any houſe of ſtudents or College in any of the ſame Vniuerſities vnited, appropriated or appertaining, or out of any benefice, lands or reuenues of the Colledge of Windſor, or of the Colledge of Weſtminſter, being of your Maieſties foundation, or of the Colledge of Eaton nigh Windſor, or of the Colledge called S. Maries Colledge by Wincheſter, founded by William Wickham, ſometime Biſhop of Wincheſter, or of any Hoſpitals, Almes houſes or Grammer ſchooles, or of any Church, benefice or other reuenues to the ſaid Colledges, Hoſpitals, Almes houſes, or Grammer ſchooles, or to any of them annexed, appropriated or otherwiſe appertaining.

Prouided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices are not aboue vi.li.xiii.s. and iiii.d. by yeere, after the said taxation aforesayd, shall not be charged with these two Subsidies, or any part of the same.

Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose benefice is eight pounds or aboue, and not aboue ten pounds by the yeere, after the taxation aforesaid, shal pay euery yeere of the said foure yeeres onely, sixe shillings eight pence for his part of the sayde Subsidies, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to pay by force of this graunt and not otherwise: And if it be vnder eight pounds, hee shall not be charged with any part of the sayd Subsidies.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauing a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guilds and Hospitals, or any other Incorporation within the Prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, and being of the summe of fiue pounds or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any such pension: Any thing conteined in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true paiment of these two Subsidies graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, purport, effect and true meaning of this present graunt, your sayd Prelates and Cleargie most humbly desire your Highnesse, that this their sayd gift, graunt and Subsidies, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions, and sentences in this Instrument conteined concerning the saide Subsidies, may be ratified, established and confirmed by the authoritie of your Highnesse Court of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure paiment of the said Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates and Clergie of the saide Prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, effect and true meaning of the said Instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the saide gift, grant, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause, and sentence in the same Instrument conteined, shall stand and be ratified, established and confirmed by the authoritie of this present Parliament.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery person that shall be appointed to the collection and gathering of the said Subsidies, shall haue full power and authoritie to leuie, take and perceiue the said Subsidie by the authoritie of

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the censures of the Church, that is to say, by Suspension, Excommunication or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their Benefices and promotions Spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without danger of the Lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vpon the possessions of the Farmours or occupiers of the Landes and Tenements chargeable by the sayde Instrument, for or to the paiment of any summe or summes of money to be due by force thereof or otherwise, by the discretion of the Collector thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition or Supersedeas shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persons making default of the payment of the said Subsidies, contrary to the tenor of the graunt thereof, vntill such time as they haue truely satisfied and contented all such part and portions as to them in that behalfe appertaineth. And that euery such Farmour and Farmours, their executors and assignes that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to or with the paiment of the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof, shall by the authoritie aforesaid, be allowed, and reteine in his hands as much of his yeerely rent and Farme, as the summe which he shall fortune to pay for his Lorde or Leasor shall extend vnto, except that the said Farmor or Farmors, their executors or assignes, by the Lease and graunt that they haue of any part of the lands, tithes, profites, tenements chargeable to the saide Subsidie, or by force of any couenant or article therein conteined, be bound and charged to pay the same, and thereof to discharge the Leassor and Landlord, during the terme mentioned in the sayd Lease.

And likewise be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that whereas diuers Curates liable to this Subsidie, being oftentimes remoueable, doe serue as well in diuers Impropriations belonging to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other spirituall promotions belonging to other persons, that for the speedie recouerie of the saide Subsidie it may be lawfull to the saide Collector or Collectors of ỹ said Subsidie, their deputie or deputies, to leuie the said Subsidie vpon the Farmour or Farmours or occupiers of all such Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesayd and euery of them, or by way of distresse of Tithes of the saide Impropriation or Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, or otherwise vpon the goods and chattels of the sayde Farmour or Farmours and occupiers: in which case no Inhibition, prohibition, repleuie or other processe awarded to the contrary shall be obeyed, any Lawe, statutes, priuileges or customes to the contrary hereof heretofore made, graunted or vsed, or hereafter to bee made, graunted or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

ding. And that it may be lawfull to the Collectors and the Officers and ministers of such Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane and Chapter, for not paiment of the sayde Subsidie, after the same shall be due in any of the sayd foure yeeres, to prise and value the said distresse or distresses by two indifferent neighbours by him to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so prised to sell, & thereof to deteine so much money as shall amount to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayd Collectour sustained in that behalfe, and the rest of the money made of the sayd distresse to be deliuered and payed to the owner and occupier thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery lay person hauing Spiritual promotion chargeable by this Act, and also hauing Temporall possessions, goods, chattels and debtes, charged to the sayd Subsidies graunted in this Parliament by the Temporaltie, shall be tared, charged and set for his sayd Spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and his Temporall possessions and chattels reall with the Temporaltie, and not otherwise: Any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all and euery graunt and graunts of all and euery summe and summes of money graunted, or which hereafter shall be graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by the Cleargie of the Prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect in all things, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde Prouince of Canterburie, and shall be tared, certified, collected, leuied, gathered and payde, according to the tenour, fourme and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intents, constructions and purposes, in such maner and fourme, as though it were specially, plainely, and particularly expressed and rehearsed in this present Acte by expresse wordes, termes and sentences in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all Prouisions before rehearsed, contained or to be contained in the sayde graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, and the like of the same Prouisoes hereafter to be contained in the graunt of the Prelates & Cleargie of the Prouince of Yorke, shalbe good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kept in euery point and Article according to the purport and true meaning of the same.

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An Acte for the graunt of *three entier Subsidies, and sixe Fifteenes* and Tenthes graunted by the Temporaltie.

MOst Gratious and most excellent Soueraigne, It is deepely ingrauen in our remembrãce what puisant and mightie forces were for some fewe yeeres past prepared and brought against this noble Realme our Natiue Countrey, with a violent resolution to haue made a full bloody conquest of this our Nation, and to haue reduced the same vnder a perpetuall and miserable yoke of forreine Potentates, which most perilous attempt of inuasion and conquest as it was then by the singular goodnesse of Almightie God, with your Maiesties Princely power and notable policie defeated without any the least interruption of our inwarde peace, and publike securitie. So we haue iust cause to doubt not only that those your Maiesties capitall and dangerous enemies, continue stil a setled & obstinate purpose, to renewe the same with greater strength and more auaileable aduantage then before: but also that the time approcheth very neere when their such intended confederacie is like to be put in effect and execution. For entring into due consideration both of such things as we may of our selues reache to obserue and discerne, & principally of those great and high matters of State, which your Maiestie in a most gracious trust and fauourable confidence towards vs vouchsafed to open & impart vnto vs (touching the plots and proiects of the same your enemies) as we doe infinitely acknowledge your Maiesties most prudent and watchfull foresight, so we doe euidently perceiue, that the enemies of your Highnesse and this state doe not onely pursue a determinate course as much as they may to empouerish your Crowne and Realme by intercepting the traffike of your marchants, but are farre proceeded in very great practises and malicious enterprises for the ruining and supplanting of your

confederates in France and Scotland, and for the getting into their possession, or at the least to bee at their deuotion, the most commodious and fit places and pieces, whence to offende and inuade your Maiesties Dominions. So that looking into the depth of these apparent & imminent dangers, with loyall and zealeous hearts to your Maiestie, and natural affection to our flourishing Countrey, wee rest perswaded that such extraordinarie remedy is needefull to be prouided as may in some sort be proportionable to the perill. And further wee see and with most vnfained thankes doe reknowledge, that your Maiesties magnanimitie and most rare & incomparable benignitie towards vs is such, that hauing to deale in these your long continuing warres with the greatest Lords of treasure of the world, and making only a defensiue warre for our quiet and prosperous preseruation, & being of your Highnes owne inclination a most moderate dispenser of treasure, your Maiestie hath neuertheless bene pleased to imploy and expende a great portion of your reuenue and treasure, onely to spare and ease the charge of vs your most bounden & louing Subiects, wherein we cannot sufficiently admire the excellencie of your Maiesties, most Princely nature, and therewithall cannot also but continually set before our eies the inestimable blessings which by your Maiesties most happie gouernment we enioy, the incomparable benefite of Gods true Religion planted and publikely professed amongst vs, your Maiesties immeasurable clemencie in the execution of your lawes, your wonderfull prouidence in preseruing vs in this happie peace free from any hostile inuasion, notwithstanding the might and malice of your enemies, and many more notable and vnspeakeable benefites which haue accompanied your Maiesties most flourishing times, besides the great and perpetuall honour which it hath pleased God to giue your Maiestie abroad in making you the principall support of all iust and religious causes against vsurpers. So that this Iland hath in your Maiesties dayes bene as a stay and Sanctuarie to distressed States and kingdomes, and as a bulwarke against the tyrannies of mightie and vsurping Potentates. Wee therefore calling to fresh memorie these your Maiesties most rare and extraordinarie benefites, and weying with our selues the present important necessitie, & foreseeing the flame of those great miseries, whereinto from so great blessings we might fall without good and timely prouision: And particularly discending into consideration, both what an high proportion of charge your Maiestie doeth presently sustaine in your Dominions and Countreys farre aboue any of your Maiesties noble Progenitors, besides

ſides the great ſuccours in Fraunce and Flaunders, which wee doe conceiue to be moſt Honorable in regard of the auncient leagues, the Iuſtice and equitie of their cauſes, and alſo howe meete and conuenient it is that your Maieſtie be further furniſhed with treaſure for our defence, we haue thought it our bounden duetie at this time moſt willingly and readily to offer not onely this extraordinarie Subſidie, but alſo like good and loyall Subiects doe proſtrate our liues and ſeruices to be imployed at your Princely commandement. And therefore becauſe theſe our doings ſhall remaine in perpetuall Recorde to the viewe of all poſterities hereafter, wee moſt humbly beſeech your moſt excellent Maieſtie, that with your Gracious fauour we may teſtifie and expreſſe that our intention is, that this which wee haue nowe done vpon ſo extraordinarie and vrgent a neceſſitie to ſo good and gracious a Princeſſe, be not drawen a preſident for the times to come, and therefore we doe here with the moſt dutifull humilitie we poſſibly may, preſent vnto your moſt ſacred Maieſtie, three entire Subſidies, and fiue Fifteenes and Tenthes towards your Highnes great charges for our defence: And we do moſt humbly beſeech your Maieſtie, that it may be enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament in maner and forme following, that is to ſay, that your Maieſtie ſhall haue fiue whole Fifteenes and Tenths, to be payed, taken, and leuied of the moueable goods, cattels, and other things vſuall to ſuch Fifteenes and Tenths to be contributory and chargeable, within the Shires, Cities, Boroughs, Townes, and other places of this your Maieſties Realme, in maner & forme aforetime vſed: Except the ſumme of thirtie fiue thouſand pounds thereof fully to be deducted, that is to ſay, fiue thouſand pounds of euery of the ſaide whole Fifteenes and Tenthes, in reliefe, comfort and diſcharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughs of this your ſayde Realme waſted, deſolate or deſtroyed, or ouer greatly impoueriſhed, after ſuch rate as was & hath afore this time bene had and made to euery Shire, and to be diuided in ſuch maner and forme, as heretofore for one whole Fifteene and Tenth, hath bene had and diuided. And the ſayd fiue Fifteenes and Tenths (the exception & deduction aforeſayd thereupon had, deducted and allowed) to be payd in maner and forme following, that is to ſay, the firſt and ſecond of the ſayd fiue whole Fifteenes and Tenths (except before excepted) to be payd to your Highnes in one entire paiment in the receipt of your Exchequer, on or before the x. day of Nouember next cõming. And ỹ third & fourth of the ſayd fiue whole Fifteenes and Tenths (except before excepted) to be payd to your Highneſſe in one entire paiment in

the sayd receipt of your Exchequer, on or before the tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousande fiue hundreth ninetie and foure. And the fifth of the sayd fiue whole Fifteenes and Tenths, (except before excepted) to be payd to your Highnesse in one entire paiment in the sayd receipt of your Exchequer, on or before the x. day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1595. And the first and last of the sayd fiue whole Fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to be payd to your Highnesse in one entire paiment in the said receipt of your Exchequer, on or before the tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1596.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Knights elected and returned, of, and for the Shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs and Townes, where Collectors haue bene vsed to be named and appointed for the collection of any Fifteene & Tenth before this time granted, shall name and appoint before the x. day of August next comming, sufficient and able persons to be collectors, for ỹ collection of the said first and second of the sayd Fifteenes & Tenths. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the x. day of August, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundreth, ninetie foure, other sufficient and able persons, to be Collectors for the collection of the said third and fourth of the said Fifteenes and Tenths. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of August, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundreth, ninetie fiue, other sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the collection of the saide fift Fifteene and Tenth. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of August, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundreth, ninetie sixe, other sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the collection of the said sixth Fifteene and Tenth in euery of the saide Shires, Cities, Boroughs and Townes: The saide persons so to be named and appointed, to be Collectors for the colection of the said first, and second Fifteenes and Tenths, and also of the saide third and fourth Fifteenes and Tenths, then hauing landes, tenements, and other hereditaments in their owne right, of an estate of inheritance, of the yeerely value of fortie poundes, or in goods, woorth foure hundred poundes at the least, & the said persons so to be named and appointed to be Collectors for the collection of the said fift and sixth Fifteenes and Tenths, then hauing landes, tenements, and other hereditaments in their owne right, of an estate of inheritance, of

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the yeerely value of twentie pounds, or in goods, woorth two hundred pounds at the least, each of them after such rate and value as he or they shal be assessed and rated at in the Subsidie booke, if any such be in the said limits. And for want of such so assessed, that those shall be appointed Collectors that then shall be rated and taxed in the Subsidie booke, in lands or goods neerest to the seuerall values aforesaid.

And also such person & persons so by them to be named, and appointed, for ỹ collection of the said fyue Fifteenes, & Tenths, shall be by them seuerally appointed and allotted into Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs, and Townes.

And also the said persons so named and appointed for the collection of the said seuerall Fifteenes and Tenths, shall be seuerally charged and chargeable, vpon his or their account or accounts in the Exchequer to be made, with all such summe or summes of money, as the hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs and townes, where he or they shall so happen to be appointed, shall amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes: And vpon the payment of such summes of money, as he or they shall be so charged with, shall be discharged, and haue his and their Quietus est, the not accounting or non paiment of any other his fellowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them not withstanding. And the names and surnames of euery of the said Collectors, for the said first and second of the saide Fifteenes and Tenths, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the saide Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, for the Shires, Cities and Boroughs whereunto they be allotted, named and returned, shall certifie before the Queenes Maiestie in the Chancerie, before the tenth day of September nert comming: And likewise the names and surnames of euery the saide Collectors so to be named and appointed for the collection of the said third and fourth of the said Fifteenes and Tenths, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the saide Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, shall likewise certifie into the saide Court of Chancerie before the x. day of September, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred, ninetie foure. And likewise the names and surnames of euery of the saide Collectors so to be named and appointed for the collection of the saide fifth Fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the said Knights, Citizens and Burgesses shal likewise certifie into the said Court of Chancery, before the tenth day of September, which shal be in the yeere of our Lord God 1595. And likewise the names and surnames of euery of the saide Collectors so to be named

and appointed for the collection of the saide sixth Fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the saide Knights, Citizens and Burgesses shall likewise certifie into the saide Court of Chancerie, before the tenth day of September, which shal be in the yere of our Lord God 1596. according to the tenour of this Acte. And if default of any such certifying be had or made in forme as is aforesayde, then the Lord Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, shall immediatly after, name and appoint Collectors for the collection of euery of the said Fifteenes and Tenthes in such like maner & fourme as the said Knights of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesses of Boroughs should haue done, and as aforetime hath bene vsed. The which said Collectors & euery of them so to be named & appointed as is aforesaid, shal haue allowance vpon their accompts for their fees, wages & rewardes for the collection of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenths, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collector or Collectors of any Fifteene and Tenth, haue had at any season in time past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the time being, shall and may from time to time award such processe for speedie paiment of the said seuerall Fifteenes and Tenths, against the Collector or Collectors of the same, as by their discretions shalbe thought conuenient.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the said Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, Knights of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs, townes and other places hauing authoritie by this present Act, to nominate the said Collectors, of or for the collection of the said seueral Fifteenes and Tenths, shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by authoritie of this present Parliament sufficient recognizances or obligations, of euery person, so by them to be named, to be bound to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, & to be indorsed vpon such condition, that if the same Collector and Collectors of the sayde first and second of the saide Fifteenes and Tenthes, and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the sayde third and fourth of the saide Fifteenes and Tenthes, and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the saide first Fifteene and Tenth, and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the said sixth Fifteene and Tenth, doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie in her receipt of her Exchequer for the saide first and second of the saide Fifteenes and Tenthes, at or before the saide tenth day of Nouember next comming, and for the saide third and fourth of the saide Fifteenes and Tenths,

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at or before the saide tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred ninetie and foure, and for the saide sixt Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the saide tenth day of Nouember, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand, fiue hundred, ninetie fiue, and for the sayde sixth Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the saide tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1596. so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection; as the same Collector shall haue collected and gathered, and doe likewise after the saide tenth day of Nouember next comming, and the said tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1594. and the said tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1595. and the sayde tenth day of Nouember, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1596. content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse at the same receipt of the exchequer, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such time as hee shall haue gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayde recognizance or obligation to bee voyde, or else to stand in his full strength and power, which recognizances or obligations so taken, the same Knights of the shire, Citizens and Burgesses, and euery of them, taking any such recognizance or obligation, shall certifie & deliuer to the Lord Treasurer, & Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same tenth day of Nouember next comming, and tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1594. and tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1595. and tenth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1596. vpon paine of forfeiture of ten poundes to the Queenes Highnesse for euery recognizance or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery such Collector vpon request to him made, shall make and knowledge the same recognizance or obligation accordingly, vpon paine of forfeiture of xx. pounds to the Queene for his refusall thereof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon payment of the saide collection at the dayes, shall cancel & deliuer the said recognizance or obligation to the said collectour or collectours without any other warrant, & without any fee or reward to be paid to any person for the same.

And furthermore for the great and waighty considerations aforesaid, We the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, doe by our like assent and authoritie of this Parliament, giue and graunt to your highnesse our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes

Maieſtie, your heires and ſucceſſors, three entire Subſidies to be rated, taxed, leuied and paide at foure ſeuerall payments of euery perſon Spirituall and Temporall, of what eſtate or degree he or they be of, according to the tenour of this Act, in maner and forme following, (that is to ſay) aſwell that euery perſon borne within this Realme of England, Wales or other the Queenes Dominions, as all and euery fraternitie, guild, corporation, myſterie, brotherhood and comminaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales or other ỹ Queenes Dominions, being worth three pounds, for euery pound aſwell in coyne, and the value of euery pound, that euery ſuch perſon, fraternitie, guild, corporation, myſterie, brotherhood and communaltie corporate or not corporate hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vſe, as alſo plate, ſtocke of marchandize, all maner of corne & graine, houſholde ſtuffe, and of all other goods moueable, aſwell within this Realme as without, & of all ſuch ſummes of money, as to him or them is, or ſhall be owing, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience, ſurely to be payde, (except and out of the premiſſes deducted, ſuch ſummes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conſciences intendeth truely to pay, and except alſo the apparell of euery ſuch perſon, their wiues and children, belonging to their owne bodies, ſauing iewels, gold, ſiluer, ſtone and pearle,) ſhall pay to and for the ſayd firſt Subſidie in one entire payment, ii.s. viii.d. of euery pound, and to and for the ſayde ſecond Subſidie, in one entire payment, ii.s. viii.d. of euery pound, and to and for the firſt payment of the ſayd third Subſidie, xx.d. of euery pound, and to and for the ſecond payment of the ſaid third Subſidie, xii.d. of euery pound. And alſo euery Alien and ſtranger borne out of the Queenes obeiſance, as well denizen as others inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pound that hee or they ſhall haue in coyne, and the value of euery pound in plate, corne, graine, marchandize, houſhold ſtuffe or other goods, iewels, cattels, moueable or vnmoueable as is aforeſaide, aſwell within this Realme, as without, and of all ſummes of money to him or them owing, whereof hee or they truſt in his or their conſciences to be paid, (except and out of the ſame premiſſes deducted, euery ſuch ſumme or ſummes of mony which he or they doe owe, and in his or their conſcience or conſciences intend truely to pay) ſhal pay to and for the ſaid firſt Subſidie in one entire paiment fiue ſhillings and foure pence of euery pound, and to and for the ſaid ſecond Subſidie in one entire payment, fiue ſhillings and foure pence of euery pound, and to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaide third Subſidie, three ſhillings

lings foure pence of euery pound, and to and for the second paiment of the said third Subsidie, two shillings of euery pound. And also that euery Alien and stranger borne out of the Queenes Dominions, being Denizen or not Denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aboue said, and being of the age of seuen yeeres or aboue, shal pay to and for the said first Subsidie, viii.d. for euery poll, and to & for the said second Subsidie viii.d. for euery poll, & to and for the first paiment of the said third Subsidie, iiii.d. for euery poll, & likewise to & for the second paiment of the said third Subsidie, iiii.d. for euery poll, and the master, or he, or she with whom the said Alien is, or shal be abiding at the time of the taxation or taxations thereof, to bee charged with the same for lacke of paiment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeisance, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, mysterie, brotherhood and communaltie corporate or not corporate, for euery pound that euery of the same persons, & euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, mysterie, brotherhood, and communaltie, corporate or not corporate, or any other to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardship, or by copie of court roll, of and in any Honors, Castles, Manors, Lands, Tenements, rents, seruices, hereditaments, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profits of the yerely value of xx.s. aswell within ancient demesne and other places priuiledged, as else where, and so vpward, shall pay to and for the said first Subsidie in one entire payment, iiii.s. of and for euery pound. And to and for the saide second Subsidie, iiii.s. of and for euery pound, and to and for the first paiment of the said third Subsidie, ii.s. and viii.d. of euery pound, and to and for the second paiment of the said third Subsidie, xvi.d. of euery pound. And euery Alien, Denizen or not Denizen borne out of the Queenes obeisance, in such case to pay to and for the said first Subsidie, in one entire payment, viii. s. of euery pound, and to and for the said second Subsidie, in one entire paiment, viii.s. of euery pound. And to and for the first payment of the said third Subsidie, v.s. and iiii.d. of euery pound, and to and for the second paiment of the said third Subsidie, ii.s. & viii. d. of euery pound. And that al summes to be presented & chargeable by this Act, either for goods and debts, or either of them, or for lands and tenements, and other the premisses, as is in this Acte conteined, shall be at euery of the saide paiments, set and tared after the rate & portion, according to the true meaning of this Act, (lands and tenements chargeable to the dismes of

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the Cleargie, & yeerely wages due to seruants for their yeerely seruice, (other then the Queenes seruants taking yeerly wages of fiue pounds or aboue) only excepted and forepriſed.) And that all plate, coyne, iewels, goods, debts, & cattels, personals, and al lands, tenements, and other the premisses, as aforesaid, being in the rule and custodie of any person or persons to the vse of any corporation, fraternitie, guild, mysterie, brotherhood or any comminaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be, and shall be rated, set and charged by reason of this Acte, at the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, of euerie pound in goods and debts as is abouesaid, & for euery pound in lands, tenements, annuities, fees, corodies and other yerely profites as is aforesaid. And the summes that are aboue rehearsed, set and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue such goods in custodie, or otherwise charged for lands, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, and bodie corporate by authoritie of this Acte, shall be discharged against him or them, that shall or ought to haue the same, at the time of the payment, or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwise departure from the custody or possession of the same: Except and alwayes forepriſed from the charge and assessement of these Subsidies, all goodes, cattelles, iewels, and ornaments of Churches or Chappels, which haue beene ordeined and vsed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and seruice of Almightie God. And the payment of the saide first Subsidie shall be by authoritie aforesaide taxed, sessed and rated, according to this Acte, in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, and euery other place, within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, before the first day of October next comming. And the payment of the saide second Subsidie shall be by the authoritie aforesaide taxed, assessed and rated, before the first day of October, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand fiue hundred ninetie foure. And the first payment of the saide third Subsidie, shall be by the authoritie aforesaide taxed, assessed and rated according to this Acte in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne and euery other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, before the first day of October, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred ninetie fiue. And the second payment of the saide third Subsidie, shall be by the authoritie aforesaid, taxed, assessed and rated, according to this Acte, before the first day of October, which shalbe in the yeere of

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our Lorde God, 1596. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſaid, with the particular names of ſuch as are or ſhalbe chargeable, for and to the paiment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie to be taxed and ſet by the Commiſſioners, to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, & in the ſame forme ſhall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of Nouember next comming. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſaid, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable, for & to the paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie, to be taxed and ſet by Commiſſioners to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors: and in the ſame forme ſhall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of Nouember, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, 1594. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, & other places aforeſaide, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable for and to the firſt paiment of the ſaid third Subſidie, to be taxed and ſet by the Commiſſioners to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer before the firſt day of Nouember, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord God, 1595. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſaide, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable for & to the ſecond payment of the ſaid third Subſidie, to be taxed and ſet by the Commiſſioners, to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors and in the ſame forme ſhall bee certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of Nouember, which ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie fiue. And the ſaid ſummes in forme aforeſaid to be taxed, to & for the paiment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, ſhal be paid in one entire ſumme into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforeſaid, to the vſe of our ſaide Soueraigne Ladie, at or before the twelfth day of Februarie next comming, which ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie three. And the ſayde ſummes in maner and forme aforeſayd to be taxed for the payment of the ſaide ſecond Subſidie, ſhall bee payde in one entire ſumme, into the receipt aforeſayd, to the vſe aforeſayd, at or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1594. And the ſaide ſummes in manner and forme aforeſaide

ſaide to be tared, for the firſt paiment of the ſaid third Subſidie, ſhall be payde into the receipt aforeſaid, to the vſe aforeſaid, at or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie fiue. And the ſaid ſummes in maner and forme aforeſaide to be tared for the ſecond paiment of the ſaide thirde Subſidie, ſhall be paide into the receipt aforeſaide, to the vſe aforeſaide, at or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall bee in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie ſixe. And the ſummes abouеſaide, of and for the ſaide Subſidies, ſhall be tared, ſet, aſked and demanded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paide, to the vſe of our ſaid Soueraigne Ladie, her heires and ſucceſſors, in forme abouеſaid, aſwell within the Liberties, Franchiſes, Sanctuaries, ancient demeſne, and other whatſoeuer places exempt or not exempt, as without: (Except ſuch ſhires, places and perſons, as ſhall bee forepriſed in and by this preſent Acte) any graunt, charter, preſcription, vſe or libertie, by reaſon of any letters patents, or other priuiledge, preſcription, allowance of the ſame, or whatſoeuer other matter or diſcharge heretofore to the contrarie made, graunted, vſed or obteined notwithſtanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery ſuch perſon, as well ſuch as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyſance, as euery other perſon, ſtranger born, Denizē or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme or within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, which at the time of the ſame aſſeſſings or taxatiōs, or of euery of them, to be had or made, ſhal be out of this Realme, or out of Wales, and haue goods, cattels, lands or tenements, fees or annuities, or other profits, within this Realme, or in Wales, ſhall bee charged and chargeable for the ſame by the Certificate of the inhabitants of the place where ſuch goods, cattels, lands, tenements, or other the premiſſes then ſhall be, or in ſuch other place, where ſuch perſon or perſons, or his or their Factor, Deputie, or Attourney ſhall haue their moſt reſort vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if the ſaide perſon were, or had bene at the time of the ſaid aſſeſſing within this Realme. And that euery perſon abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realm, ſhalbe charged or chargeable to the ſame Subſidies graunted by this Act, according & after the rate of ſuch yeerely ſubſtance, or value of lands or tenements, goods, cattels, & other the premiſſes, as euery perſon ſo to be charged ſhalbe ſet at, at the time of the ſaid aſſeſſing or taxation vpon him to be made, and none otherwiſe.

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for the selling & ordering of the said three Subsidies to be duely had, the Lorde Chancellour of England, or the Lorde Keeper of the great Seale, the Lorde Treasurer of England, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maiesties houshoide, the Lord Admirall of England, the Lord Chamberlaine of the Queenes most honourable houshoide for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lord Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being to be one, shall & may name, and appoint of & for euery Shire, Riding, and other places, as well within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, as also of and for euery Citie and Towne, being a Countie of it selfe, and of and for the Isle of Wight, such certaine number of persons of euery of ỳ same Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and euery other place, as they shal thinke conuenient, to be Cõmissioners of & within the same place, whereof they be inhabitants, and also of and for the Honorable houshold of the Queenes Maiestie, in what shire or other place the said houshoide shall happen then to be. And the Lord Chancellour, or the Lord Keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaid, in like maner may name & appoint of euery other such Borough & Townes corporate, as well in England, as in Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, sixe, fiue, foure, three or two of the head officers, and other honest inhabitants of euery the said Cities, Boroughs and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same. The which persons, (if any such be thereunto named, of the said inhabitants of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties of themselues) shall be ioyned & put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for such Shires & Ridings, as the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties in themselues, be set, and haue their being, which persons so named, for & of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon thẽ, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, wherein they be so named only, nor to execute the said Commission, within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at such dayes and times, as the saide other Commissioners for the same Shire and Riding, shal therunto limit and appoint within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, whereof they be so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne. And in that maner to be aiding and assisting with the saide other Commissioners, in and for the good execu-

ting of the effect of the sayde Commission, vpon paine of euery of the said Commissioners so named for euery such Citie, Borough and Towne corporat, not being a Countie, to make such fine, as the sayde other Commissioners in the commission of and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretion set and certifie into the Queenes Eschequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in like maner, as if such or like summes had bene set and rated, vpon euery such person for the sayd Subsidies: The which Commissioners so named, of and for the sayd Cities, Boroughs and Townes not being Counties, and onely put into the sayd commission, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees and rewardes of the Commissioners and their clarkes, in this Acte afterward specified and allowed. And the Lorde Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chancerie vnder the great Seale, seuerall commissions, that is to say, for euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle and houshold, vnto such person and persons, as by his discretion, or any of the other with him before named and appointed, as is before rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient for the selling and leuying of the sayd three Subsidies, in all Shires and places according to the true meaning of this Acte. Which commission for the paiment of the sayd first Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the said Commissioners, or to one of them, before the twentieth day of August next comming. And the commission for the paiment of the sayd second Subsidie shall be directed and deliuered to the said Commissioners, or to one of them, before the twentieth day of August, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred ninetie foure. And the commission for the first paiment of the sayd third Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them before the twentieth day of August, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1595. and the commission for the second paiment of the sayd third Subsidie shall be directed and deliuered to the said Commissioners or to one of them before the twentieth day of August, which shalbe in yeere of our Lorde God, 1596. And to euery of the sayd Cõmissioners, ten scedules conteining in them the tenour of this Act, shalbe affiled, by the which commission, the Commissioners in euery such commission, named according to this Act, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said commission, shall haue full power and authoritie to put the effect of the same commission in execution.

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directed, they may by their assents & agreements, seuer thẽselues for the execution of their Commission in Hundreds, Lathes, Wards, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limits of their said Commission, in such forme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, according to the tenor and effect of the commission to them therein directed, vpon which seuerance, euery person of this present Parliament, that shall be Commissioner, shall be assigned vnto the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be, or shall be compelled to be any Commissioner, to & for the execution of this present Act, but onely in the shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shal not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Act, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and euery of them, which shall be named, limited and appointed according to this Act to be Commissioners in euery such Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said housholde, or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently for their part execute the effect of this present Act, according to the tenor thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise, by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice or any other thing, to be attempted or done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof.

And the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayd commission and Act, shall for the taration of the sayd first Subsidie, before the last day of August next comming, and for the taration of the said second Subsidie, shall before the last day of August, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundred ninetie foure, and for the taration of the first payment of the said third Subsidie, shall before the last day of August which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1595. and for the taration of the second paiment of the said third Subsidie, shall before the last day of August, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred, ninetie fiue, by vertue of the commission deliuered vnto them in forme aforesaid, direct their seuerall or ioynt precept or precepts, vnto eight, seuen, fiue, foure, three, or two, as for the number of the inhabitants, shall be requisite, of the most substantiall, discreet and honest persons, inhabitants, to be named by the said Commissioners, or by as many of them, as shall be appointed by the said commission, of and in Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Pari-

shes, Townes, & other places, aswel within Liberties, Franchises, ancient demesne, places exempted, and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, and Isle aforesaide, and other places within the limits of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes, and other like officers & ministers of euery of the said Hundreds, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, and other places aforesaid, as to the said Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by their discretion in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shall be requisite: straitly by the said precept charging and commanding the said inhabitants, Constables and other officers aforesaid, to whome such precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons, before the said Commissioners, or such number of them, as they shall deuide themselues, according to the tenor of the said Commission, at certaine dayes and places by the said Commissioners or any number of them, as is aforesaide, within cities, boroughs, or Towns corporate, or without in any other places, as is aforesaid by their discretion shall be limitted thereunto, to doe and accomplish all that to them, on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie shal be enioyned, touching this Acte: commanding further by the same precept, that hee to whose handes such precept shall come, shall shew and deliuer the same to the other inhabitants or Officers named in the same precept, and that none of them faile to accomplish the same, vpon paine of fourtie shillings to be forfeited to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeined by the authority of this present Parliament, that at the said day and place prefixed and limited in the said precept, euery of the saide Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limitted, shall appeare in his proper person. And there the same commissioners being present, or as many of them as shall be appointed by the Queenes Maiesties cõmission, shal cal or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitants & Officers to whom they haue directed their said precepts, and which had in cõmandement there to appeare, by vertue of the said precept. And if any person so warned make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickenesse or lawful excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or if anie appearing, refuse to serue in forme following, thẽ euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shillings, and so at euery time appointed by the said Commissioners, for the same taxation, vntill such time the number of euery such persons haue appea-

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red and certified in forme vnder written, euery of them so making default or refusing to serue, shal forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie, fourtie shillings. And vpon the same appearance had, they shall be charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes (other then by corporall oth) to enquire of the best & most value of the substance of euery person dwelling & abiding within the limits of the places that they shalbe charged with, & of other which shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the said places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Act of the said Subsidies, and of al other things requisite touching the said Act, and according to the intent of the same. And thereupon as neere as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, without respect of any former taration heretofore had, truely to present and certifie before the said Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substance & values of euery of them, as well of Lands, Tenements, and other hereditaments, possessions & profits, as of goods, cattels, debtes and other things chargeable by the same Act, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dread or malice, vpon paine of forfeiture of fiue pounds or more to be tared, extracted and leuied, in forme as hereafter in this present Act shalbe limitted or appointed. And thereupon the said Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to bee read vnto them, the said Rates in this Act mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner & forme they ought & should make their certificate, according to the rates and summes thereof aboue said, & of all maner of persons, aswell of Aliens and strangers, Denizens or not Denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeisance chargeable to this Act, & of the possessions, Goods and Cattels of Fraternities, Guilds, Corporations, Brotherhoods, Mysteries, Communalties, & other as is aboue saide, and of persons being in the partes beyond the Seas, hauing goods and Cattels, Lands or Tenements within this Realme as is afore said, & of all goods being in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other as is aboue said: by the which information & shewing, the said persons should haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this present Act, and of the maner of their certificat that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the Statute of the said Subsidies, and the maner of the said certificate to be made in writing, conteining the names and surnames of euery person, and whether hee be borne without the Queenes obeysance or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswel of the yeerely value of Lands and Tenements and of such like possessions and profites, as the value of

Goods and Cattels, debts, and euery thing to their certificate requisite and necessarie to them declared, the sayde Commissioners there being, shall by their discretions appoynt and limit vnto the sayde persons, another day and place to appeare before the sayde Commissioners: And charging the said persons, that they in the meane time shall make diligent enquiry by all wayes & meanes of the premisses, and then and there euery of them, vpon payne of forfeiture of fortie shillings to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in writing, according to their sayde charge, and according to the true intent of the sayde graunt of Subsidies, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath bene declared and shewed by the Commissioners: At which day and place so to them prefixed, if any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde certificat, that then euery of them so offending, to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default by reason of sickenesse, or otherwise by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed, and of such as appeare ready to make certificate as is aforesayd, the sayd Commissioners there being, shall take and receiue the same Certificate, and euery part thereof, and the names, values and substance of euery person so certified. And if the sayde Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayd presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayd Commissioners at the said dayes and place by their agreement amongst themselues, shall from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certaine place or places within the limits of their commission, by their discretion for their further proceeding to the saide assessing of the same Subsidies, and thereupon at the said day of the said certificate as is aforesaid taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes, or other officers of such hundreds, Wapentakes, townes or other places aforesaid, as the same Comissioners shalbe of, comprising and conteining in the said precepts, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the said certificat, of whom if the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Cõmission shal then haue behement suspect, to be of more greater value or substance in lands, goods, cattels, or summes of money owing to them, or other substance before sayde, then vpon such person or persons so certified and specified as aforesayd, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts directed to the Constable, Bayliffes or other officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bayliffes or other officers to whom such precepts shall be directed, to warne

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ſuch perſons whoſe names ſhall bee compꝛiſed in the ſayde pꝛecepts, at their manſions, oꝛ to their perſons, that the ſame perſons named in ſuch pꝛecepts, and euery of them, ſhall perſonally appeare beſoꝛe the ſaid Commiſſioners, at the ſame new pꝛefixed day and place, there to be examined by all wayes and meanes, (other then by coꝛpoꝛall oth) by the ſayd Commiſſioners, of their greateſt ſubſtance and beſt value, and of all and euery ſummes of money owing to them and other whatſoeuer matter concerning the pꝛemiſſes, oꝛ any of them, accoꝛding to this Acte. At which day and place ſo pꝛefixed, the ſayd Commiſſioners then and there being, oꝛ as many of them, as ſhall be thereunto appointed by the Queenes Commiſſion, ſhall cauſe to be called the ſayd perſons whoſe names ſhall be compꝛiſed in the ſaid pꝛecept, as is afoꝛeſayde foꝛ their examination. And if any of thoſe perſons, which ſhall be warned as is afoꝛeſayde, to be examined, which at any time after the warning and beſoꝛe the pꝛefixed day ſhall be within ſuch place, where he may haue knowledge of his ſayd appearance to be made, make default and appeare not, vnleſſe a reaſonable cauſe, oꝛ elſe a reaſonable excuſe by the othes of two credible perſons beſoꝛe the ſayd Commiſſioners, be truly alleged foꝛ his diſcharge, that then euery of them ſo making default, to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maieſtie, with and at the double ſumme of the rate that hee ſhould oꝛ ought to haue beene ſet at, foꝛ and after the beſt value of his lands oꝛ ſubſtance vpon him certified, if hee had appeared, by the diſcretion of the Commiſſioners there being, which Commiſſioners ſhall trauell with euery of the other perſons ſo then and there appearing, whoſe names ſhall be expꝛeſſed in the ſayde pꝛecept oꝛ pꝛecepts, and in whome any behement ſuſpect was oꝛ ſhall be had in foꝛme afoꝛeſayde, by all ſuch wayes and meanes as they can (other then by coꝛpoꝛal oth) foꝛ the better knowledge of their beſt value, either in hereditaments oꝛ poſſeſſions, oꝛ els in goods oꝛ debtes, and thereupon ſhall haue poꝛwer and authoꝛitie by vertue of this Acte, accoꝛding to their diſcretions, to enlarge and encreaſe the taxation of ſuch perſons, as they ſhall ſo finde by due examination to be of greater value oꝛ ſubſtance in lands oꝛ goods then they were pꝛeſented at. And that euery Spirituall perſon at euery of the ſayd taxations of the ſayd thꝛee Subſidies, ſhall be rated and ſet accoꝛding to the rate abouеſayde, of and foꝛ euery pounde that the ſame Spirituall perſon, oꝛ any other to his vſe, hath by diſcẽt, bargaine oꝛ purchaſe in fee ſimple, feetaile, terme of life, terme of yeres, by execution, by wardſhip, oꝛ by copie of Court roll, in any mannours, landes, tenements, rentes, ſeruices, offices, fees, coꝛrodies, annuities oꝛ hereditaments, after the true, iuſt and yeerely value thereof, and

according as other the Queenes Maiesties subiects borne within this Realme be charged in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extend to the yeerely value of twentie shillings or aboue.

And it is further enacted, that if the sayde Tarours or Assessours, shall not duely behaue themselues in their inquirie, taxation, assessement or certificate, but shall affectionately, corruptly or partially demeane themselues in that behalfe, in such wise that the Commissioners shall by their considerations, deeme them offenders worthy of punishment for not doing their duties therein, that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie for the same Subsidie, shall haue power and authoritie by their discretions, eyther to charge the sayd Assessours vpon their corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesaid in that behalfe, or els by their discretions, to taxe and set vpon euery of the said assessours for their misdemeanours in that behalfe, such a fine or paine as they shall thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of tenne poundes, and the same fine or payne at their discretions to estreate into the court of Exchequer. Euery which fine so taxed and set, by foure of the saide commissioners or more, and being estreated with the schedule and bookes of that limite, shal be leuied and answered to the Queenes vse in like maner and forme to all intents & purposes, as any other summes that shalbe taxed and become due by vertue of this statute and Acte of subsidie, and not in any other wise or maner.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Act, whether he be a commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doeth finde himselfe grieued with the same presentment, selling or rating, and thereupon complaine to the Commissioners before whom hee shall be called, sessed or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation bee certified into the Court of Eschequer, that then the said Commissioners or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes examine particularly and distinctly the person so complaining, vpon his othe, and other his neighbours by their discretions, of euery his landes and tenements aboue specified, and of euery his goods, cattels and debts aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceiued by the said Commissioners, or two of them, which shall haue power by authoritie aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners or two of them to whom any such complaint shall be made by their discretion, vpon the othe of the said person so complaining, may abate, defalke, increase or inlarge the same assessements, according as it shall appeare vnto thē iust vpon the same examination, and the same summe so abated, defalked, increased or enlarged, shalbe by them estreated in forme as hereafter insueth. And if it bee prooued by witnesses or by the parties owne confession,

confeſſion, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any ſuch othe made, that the ſame perſon ſo rated & ſworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue ſpecified, at the time of his ſaide othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne did declare vpon his ſaide othe, that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending, ſhall loſe & forfaite to the Queens Maieſtie, ſo much lawfull money of England, as hee the ſame perſon ſo ſworne was ſet at or taxed to pay.

And alſo it is enacted by the ſame authoritie, that euerie perſon to be rated and taxed as is afore ſaid, ſhall be rated, and ſet, and the ſumme on him ſet, to be leuied at ſuch place, where hee and his familie were reſident for the moſt part of the yeere next before the ſame preſentment and taxation made, and no where els. And that no Commiſſioner for this Subſidie ſhall be rated or taxed for his goods or lands, but in the Shire or other place where he ſhall be Commiſſioner. And that if any perſon chargeable to this Act, at the time of the ſame aſſeſſing, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhalbe knowen: then he to be ſet, where he was laſt abiding in this Realme, or within Wales, and after the ſubſtance, value, and other profites of euery perſon, to be knowen by the examination, certificate or other maner of wiſe as is afore ſaide. And that the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall bee appointed by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion or Commiſſions, ſhall after the rate and rates afore ſaid, cauſe euery perſon ſo to be ſet, rated, and taxed, according to the rate of the ſubſtance and value of his landes, goods, cattels, and other profites chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greateſt or moſt beſt ſumme or ſummes according to his moſt ſubſtance, by reaſon of this Acte, might or may be ſet or taxed.

And that euery perſon taxed in any Countie or place other then where he and his familie were reſiant for the moſt part of the yeere then next before, or in any Countie or place, other then where hee is a Commiſſioner for the Subſidie, if he be a Commiſſioner, vpon certificate made to the ſaid Court of Exchequer, vnder the hands and ſeales of two Commiſſioners for the ſame Subſidie, in the ſame Countie or place where ſuch perſon and his familie were reſiant for the moſt part of the yeere then next before, or where hee is a Commiſſioner for the taxation and payment of the ſame Subſidie, teſtifying ſuch his moſt reſiancie, hauing of familie, or being a Commiſſioner ſhall bee a ſufficient diſcharge for the taxation of that perſon in all other places, and of and for all other ſummes of money vpon ſuch perſons ſo ſet and taxed, ſaue onely the taxation made in that Countie or place from which ſuch certificate

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ſhall be made as is aforeſayd, and for the ſumme of money vpon ſuch perſons there aſſeſſed or taxed. And ỳ ſuch certificate without any Plea or other circumſtance, ſhall be a ſufficient warrant aſwell to the Barons and Auditor & Auditors of the ſayd Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whom the allowance thereof ſhall appertaine, paying for ſuch diſcharge and allowance onely ſixe pence and no more.

Prouided alwayes, that euery ſuch perſon which ſhalbe rated or taxed according to the intent and true meaning of this Acte, for paiment of and to theſe Subſidies, for & after the yeerely value of his landes, tenements and other reall poſſeſſions or profites, at any of the ſayd taxations, ſhall not after be ſet and rated for his goods and cattels or other moueable ſubſtance at the ſame taxation, and that he that ſhall bee ſet, charged or taxed for the ſame Subſidies for his goods, cattels and other moueables at any of the ſayde taxations, according to the true meaning of this Acte, ſhall not after be charged, taxed or chargeable for his landes or other reall poſſeſſions and profites abouеſayde, at the ſame taxations or any of them, nor that any perſon by any taxation be double charged for the ſaid Subſidies, nor ſet, or taxed at ſeuerall places by reaſon of this Acte: But if any perſon happen to be double ſet, taxed or charged, either in one place or at ſeueral places, then he to be diſcharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, according to the meaning and intent of this Acte, any thing conteined in this preſent Acte to the contrarie notwithſtanding.

And that it bee ordeined and enacted by the ſayd authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon hauing two manſions or two places to reſort vnto, or calling himſelf houſhold ſeruant, or waiting ſeruant to the Queenes Maieſtie, or other Lorde or Ladie, Maſter or Maiſtreſſe, be excuſed vpon his ſaying, from the taxes of the ſayde Subſidies, in neither of the places where he may be ſet or taxed, vnleſſe he bring a certificate in writing from the Commiſſioners where that he is ſo ſet or taxed in deed at one place. And if any perſon that ought to be ſet and taxed to theſe preſent Subſidies, by reaſon of his remouing, or reſorting to two places, or by reaſon of his ſaying that he elſe where was taxed, or by reaſon of any Priuiledge of his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being forepriſed in this Act, or otherwiſe by his couin or craft, or by any wordes or ſayings or otherwiſe: or if any that is a Commiſſioner or Aſſeſſor of others happen to eſcape from the ſayd taxations for the payment of theſe Subſidies, or any of them, and be not ſet & taxed, according to the true intent of this Acte, and that prooued by preſentment, examination, information or otherwiſe before the ſayde Commiſſioners or two

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of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the Peace, of the countie where such person dwelleth: Then euery such person that by such meanes or otherwise willingly by couin or without iust cause, shall happen to escape from the said taxations or paiments aforesaide, or anie of them, and shall not be rated, tared and set, shall be charged vpon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with, and at the double value of so much as he should, might or ought to haue bene set, and tared at by vertue of this Act. And the same double value to bee leuied, gathered and paide, of his goods and Chattels, Landes, and Tenements, towardes the saide Subsidies, and further to be punished according to the discretions of the Barons, Justices and Commissioners, before whome he shall be conuicted for his offence and deceit in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the saide Commissioners in euery Commission, which shall be or inhabite in any Countie or place within the limites of their Commission, or the more part of them, shal haue ful power and authoritie by this Act, to set, tare and selle euery other Commissioner ioyned with them in euery such Commission, and the saide Commissioners within euery diuision shall also assesse euery Assessor within their diuision, for his or their Goods, Landes, and other the premisses as is abouesaide. By the which saide Commission the said Commissioners to whome it shall appertaine, shall indifferently set, tare and assesse themselues and the said Assessors, and that aswell the summes vpon euery of the saide Commissioners and Assessors so sessed, rated and tared, as the summes made and presented by the Presenters, as is abouesaide, shall bee written, certified, set and estreated, and the estreates thereof to bee made with other the inhabitants of that partes, within the limites of the same commission and diuision so to bee gathered and leuied, in like maner as it ought or should haue bene, if the said commissioners had not beene in the saide Commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate aboue, shall be charged with their freehold and value as is aforesaide, by the chancellor or Lord keeper of the great Seale of England, the high Treasurer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other such persons as by the Queenes Maiesties authoritie or commandement shal be named and appoynted, and they to be charged for the saide seuerall payments of the said subsidies after the forme of the saide grant according to the taxation aforesaide. And the summe of and vpon them to bee set and tared, with the names of the Collectors appoynted for the gathering and paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered and certified at daies & places aboue specified, by the Lord chancellor or keeper of

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the great Seale, and Lord Treasurer or one of them, together with other such persons as thereunto shall be named, as is aforesaide.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that after the taxes and assesses of the said summes vpon and by the said assessing and certificate as is aforesaid made, the said Commissioners or as many of them, as shall bee thereunto appointed, and haue authoritie by the Queenes Maiesties Commission shall with all speede, and without delay by their writing, estreate the said taxes thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuel of the said commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appointed at the least. And the same shall deliuer vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes and other officers ioyntly of Hundreds, Townes, parishes and other places aforesaid within their limits, and to other sufficient persons inhabitants of the same, onely by the discretion of the said Commissioners, with the assent of the high Collector, and as the place and parties shall require, as well the particular names and surnames, as the remembrance of all the summes of money taxed and set, of and vpon euery person as wel man as woman chargeable to this Act, houlholders and all other inhabitants and dwellers within the said Parishes, Townes and places contributorie to this Act of Subsidies. By authoritie of which writing and estreate so deliuered, the saide officers and other persons so named and deputed, seuerally shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Act, immediatly after the deliuery of the saide writing or estreate, to demand, leuie and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same writing or estreate comprised: And for non paiment thereof, to distreine the same person or persons so being behinde by their goods and cattels, and the distresse so taken to keepe by the space of eight daies, at the costs and charges of the owner thereof. And if the said owner do not pay such summe of mony as shalbe taxed by authoritie of this Acte within the same eight dayes, then the same distresse to be appraised by foure, three or two of the inhabitants where such distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the Constable or other Collector for the paiment of the said money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (if any be) to be immediately restored to the owner of the same distresse, which said Officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather and leuie the said summes, shall answere and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned and limitted to be gathered, leuied and comprised in the saide writing or estreate so to them as is aforesaide deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and her heires and successors, and the saide

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ſumme in that writing or eſtreate compriſed, to pay vnto the high Collector or Collectors of that place, for the collection of the ſame in maner and forme vnder written thereunto to bee named and deputed, and the ſame inhabitants and officers ſo gathering the ſame particular ſummes for their collection thereof, ſhall reteine for euery twentie ſhillings ſo by them receiued and paide, two pence. And that to be allowed at the paiment of their collection by them to be made, to the high collector or collectors.

And further be it enacted by the ſaid authoritie, that the ſaide commiſſioners or the more part of them, as ſhall take vpon them the execution and buſineſſe of the ſaide commiſſion, ſhall for euery of the ſaid paiments of the ſaide Subſidies, name ſuch ſufficient and able perſons, which then ſhall haue and poſſeſſe landes and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleare yerely value of fourtie poundes, or goods to the value of foure hundred poundes at the leaſt as hee ſhall bee tared in the Subſidie booke, if any ſuch be in the ſayd limites, and for want of ſuch ſo aſſeſſed, then thoſe to be appointed collectors that then ſhall bee ſufficient, & rated and tared in the Subſidie bookes in lands or goods neereſt to the values aforeſaid, as by their diſcretion ſhall bee thought good, in Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatſoeuer places aſwell within places priuiledged as without, not being forepriſed within this Act to be high collectors, and to haue the collection, and receipt of the ſaid ſummes ſet, and leuiable within the precinct, limites and bounds where they ſhall be ſo limitted and appointed to be high collectors. And to euery of the ſaide collectors ſo ſeuerally named, the ſaide commiſſioners or two of them at the leaſt with all ſpeede & without delay after the ſaide whole ſumme of any payment of the ſaid Subſidies be ſet by all the limits of the ſame their commiſſion, or in ſuch limits as the high collectors ſhall be ſo ſeuerally aſſigned: ſhall vnder their ſeales and ſigne manuell, deliuer one eſtreate indented in parchment, compriſing in it the names of all ſuch perſons as were aſſigned to leuie the ſaide particular ſummes, and the ſummes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne and other place aforeſaide, with the names and ſurnames of the perſons ſo chargeable, according to the eſtreate ſo firſt thereof made and deliuered as is aforeſaid. And the collectors to be aſſigned, ſhall be charged to anſwere the whole ſumme compriſed in the ſayde eſtreate limitted to his collection as is aforeſaid.

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the great Seale, and Lord Treasurer or one of them, together with other such persons as thereunto shall be named, as is aforesaide.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that after the taxes and assesses of the said summes vpon and by the said assessing and certificate as is aforesaid made, the said Commissioners or as many of them, as shall bee thereunto appointed, and haue authoritie by the Queenes Maiesties Commission shall with all speede, and without delay by their writing, estreate the said taxes thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuel of the said commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appointed at the least. And the same shall deliuer vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes and other officers ioyntly of Hundreds, Townes, parishes and other places aforesaid within their limits, and to other sufficient persons inhabitants of the same, onely by the discretion of the said Commissioners, with the assent of the high Collector, and as the place and parties shall require, as well the particular names and surnames, as the remembrance of all the summes of money taxed and set, of and vpon euery person as well man as woman chargeable to this Act, houlholders and all other inhabitants and dwellers within the said Parishes, Townes and places contributorie to this Act of Subsidies. By authoritie of which writing and estreate so deliuered, the saide officers and other persons so named and deputed, seuerally shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Act, immediatly after the deliuery of the saide writing or estreate, to demand, leuie and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same writing or estreate comprised: And for non paiment thereof, to distreine the same person or persons so being behinde by their goods and cattels, and the distresse so taken to keepe by the space of eight daies, at the costs and charges of the owner thereof. And if the said owner do not pay such summe of mony as shalbe taxed by authoritie of this Acte within the same eight dayes, then the same distresse to be appraised by foure, three or two of the inhabitants where such distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the Constable or other Collector for the paiment of the said money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (if any be) to be immediately restored to the owner of the same distresse, which said Officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather and leuie the said summes, shall answere and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned and limitted to be gathered, leuied and comprised in the saide writing or estreate so to them as is aforesaide deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and her heires and successors, and the saide

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And further be it enacted by the ſaid authoritie, that the ſaide commiſſioners or the more part of them, as ſhall take vpon them the execution and buſineſſe of the ſaide commiſſion, ſhall for euery of the ſaid paiments of the ſaide Subſidies, name ſuch ſufficient and able perſons, which then ſhall haue and poſſeſſe landes and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleare yerely value of fourtie poundes, or goods to the value of foure hundred poundes at the leaſt as hee ſhall bee tared in the Subſidie booke, if any ſuch be in the ſayd limites, and for want of ſuch ſo aſſeſſed, then thoſe to be appointed collectors that then ſhall bee ſufficient, & rated and tared in the Subſidie bookes in lands or goods neereſt to the values aforeſaid, as by their diſcretion ſhall bee thought good, in Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatſoeuer places aſwell within places priuiledged as without, not being forepriſed within this Act to be high collectors, and to haue the collection, and receipt of the ſaid ſummes ſet, and leuiable within the precinct, limites and bounds where they ſhall be ſo limitted and appointed to be high collectors. And to euery of the ſaide collectors ſo ſeuerally named, the ſaide commiſſioners or two of them at the leaſt with all ſpeede & without delay after the ſaide whole ſumme of any payment of the ſaid Subſidies be ſet by all the limits of the ſame their commiſſion, or in ſuch limits as the high collectors ſhall be ſo ſeuerally aſſigned: ſhall vnder their ſeales and ſigne manuell, deliuer one eſtreate indented in parchment, compriſing in it the names of all ſuch perſons as were aſſigned to leuie the ſaide particular ſummes, and the ſummes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne and other place aforeſaide, with the names and ſurnames of the perſons ſo chargeable, according to the eſtreate ſo firſt thereof made and deliuered as is aforeſaid. And the collectors to be aſſigned, ſhall be charged to anſwere the whole ſumme compriſed in the ſayde eſtreate limitted to his collection as is aforeſaid.

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authoritie of this preſent Parliament, ſufficient recognizances or obligations, without any fee or reward to be payd therefore, of euery perſon ſo by them to be named, to bee high collector, to be bound to the Queenes Maieſtie in the double ſumme of the ſumme of his collection, and to be indorſed and made vpon ſuch condition, that is to ſay, for the collection of the ſaide firſt Subſidie: That if the ſaide Collector, his heires or executors doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in the receipt of the ſayd Exchequer, at or before the ſayd twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie three, ſo much of the ſaide ſumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after ſuch time as he hath gathered and collected the ſame reſidue, that then the ſaide recognizances or obligations to be voyde, or elſe to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſayde ſeconde Subſidie, vpon condition that if the ſayde Collector, his heires, or executors doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the ſayde twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſande, fiue hundred, ninetie foure, ſo much of the ſayde ſumme of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as hee ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuch time as hee hath gathered and collected the ſame reſidue, that then the ſayde recognizances or obligations to bee voyde, or elſe to ſtand in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſayde firſt payment of the ſayde third Subſidie, vpon condition that if the ſayd Collector, his heires and executors doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in her receipt of Exchequer, at or before the ſayde twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1595. ſo much of the ſayde ſumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection, and charge, within one moneth next after ſuch time as he hath gathered and collected the ſame reſidue: That then the ſayde recognizances or obligations to be voyd, or elſe to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſayde ſecond payment of the ſayde third Subſidie, vpon condition that if the ſayde Collector, his heires or executors, doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the ſaid twelfth day of Februarie,

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which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand, fiue hundred, ninetie and sixe, so much of the saide summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as hee hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the saide Recognizances or obligations to be voide, or els to stand in ful strength and vertue. Which sayde seuerall Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the said Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayde taxations and rates of the payment of the sayde Subsidies, at and by the time to them prescribed and appoynted by this Acte, for the certificate of the sayde seuerall taxations of the sayde Subsidies, vpon payne of forfaiture of ten pounds to the Queenes Maiestie for euery such Recognizance or Obligation not so certified. And that euery such Collector so elected, named and chosen vpon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the saide Recognizance or Obligation vpon paine and forfaiture of twenty pounds to the Queenes Maiestie for the refusall thereof. And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon payment of the sayde seuerall collections of the sayde Subsidies, at the dayes and times herein limitted for the payment thereof, shall cancell and deliuer the Recognizances or Obligations for the payment thereof, to the Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be payde for the same to any person. And euery Collector so deputed, hauing the sayde estreat in parchment as is aforesaid, shall haue authoritie by this Acte to appoynt dayes and places within the circuit of his collection, for the payment of the sayde Subsidies, to him to bee made, and thereof to giue warning by Proclamation, or otherwise to all the Constables or other persons or inhabitants hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundreds, Parishes, Townes or other places by him or them limitted, to make payment for the sayd particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertaine. And if at the same day & place so limitted & prefixed by the said high Collector, the said Constable, officers, or other persons, or inhabitants as is aforesaid, for the said particular collection assigned and appoynted within such Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, do not pay vnto the sayd hie Collectors the summe within their seuerall Hundreds, Townes, Parishes and other places due and comprised in the sayd estreat thereof, to them deliuered by the sayd Commissioners or some of them as is aforesaide, or so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued (twopence for euery pound for the said particular collection

as is afore sayd, alwayes thereof to be allowed, excepted & abated) that then it shalbe lawfull to the saide high Collectors and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distreine euery of the sayde Constables, officers and other inhabitants, for their said seuerall and particular collection of the sayde summes comprised in the sayde estreate and writing thereof, to them and euery of them as is before expressed, deliuered, or for so much of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behinde and vnpaide, by the goods and cattels of euery of them so being behinde, and the distresse so taken to be kept, and appraised and sold as is aforesaid, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behind and vnpaid: And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shalbe nominated or appointed to be a high Collector or Collectors for the second payment of any Fifteene, Tenth or Subsidies, graunted by this Act, which before that time hath bene a Collector or Collectors for the first payment of any part of the same Fifteene, Tenth, or Subsidies, vnlesse such person or persons so to be nominated & appointed high Collector or Collectors for the said second payment, do first shewe forth before him or them by whom he shall be so nominated & appointed, his quietus est for the discharge of his collection before appoynted to his charge, vpon paine of one hundred poundes to be paide and forfeited by him or them that so shall nominate and appoynt any such Collector contrary to this present Act.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabiting in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shall be compelled to be any assessour, or collector of or for any part of the sayde Subsidies in any place or places out of the sayde Citie, Borough or Towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the saide authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitants or officers, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the collection and receit of any part or portion of the said Subsidies, by any maner of meanes according to this Act, or any person or persons for themselues, or as keeper, gardian, deputie, factor or attorney, of or for any other person or persons of any goods and cattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the said assessing to be payde, being out of this Realme, or in any other partes not knowen, or of and for the goods and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternity, Mystery, or other whatsoeuer Communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernance and custodie, any goods or cattels at the time of the said assessing, or any

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of them to bee made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for himselfe, or for any other, or by reason that hee hath the rule, gouernance or custodie of any goodes or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Communaltie, Fraternitie, Guilde or mystery, or any such other like, or as Factor, Deputie or Attourney, of, or for any person, shalbe tared, rated, valued and set to any summe or summes by reason of this Acte, and after the taration or assessing vpon any such person or persons as shall bee charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where hee was so tared and set, or his goods or cattels bee so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert manner kept, as the saide person or persons charged with the same by estreates or other writings from the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as shall bee thereunto appointed by the saide Commission as is aforesaide, can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised within the same estreates, by distresse within the limites of their collection as is aforesaide, or cannot sel such distresse or distresses as bee taken for any of the saide paiments, before the time limitted to the high Collectour for his paiment to bee made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt, then vpon relation thereof, with due examination by the othe or examination of such person or persons as shall bee charged with, and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide Commission shall bee thereunto appointed, where such person or persons or other as is aforesaide, their goods and cattels were set and tared. And vpon plaine certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, aswell of the dwelling place, names and summes of the saide persons of whome the saide summes cannot bee leuied and had, as is aforesaide, then aswell the Constables and other inhabitants appointed for the same particular collection against the high Collectors, as the high Collector vpon his accompt and othe in the saide Exchequer to bee discharged thereof: and processe to bee made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the saide Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the saide Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors, so beeing behinde with his paiment. And ouer that, the same Commissioners, to whome any such declaration of the premisses shall be made in forme aforesaide, from time to time shall haue full power and authoritie to direct their precept or precepts vnto the said person or persons charged with any summe, or, for and vpon any such person and persons or other as is aforesaid, or to any Shirife, Stewarde, Bailiffe, or other whatsoeuer Officer, minister, person or persons of such place or places, where any such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall haue Landes and Tenements or other hereditaments, or reall

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And it is also by the saide authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitants or officers, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the collection and receit of any part or portion of the said Subsidies, by any maner of meanes according to this Act, or any person or persons for themselues, or as keeper, gardian, deputie, factor or attorney, of or for any other person or persons of any goods and cattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the said assessing to be payde, being out of this Realme, or in any other partes not knowen, or of and for the goods and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternity, Mystery, or other whatsoeuer Communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernance and custodie, any goods or cattels at the time of the said assessing, or any

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possessions, goodes and cattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes or tenements or other hereditamentes, which ought or may by this Acte lawfully bee distreined or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goods, cattels, landes, tenements or other possessions, whereof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons may or ought to bee leuied, bee it within the limits of such Commission, where such person or persons was or were tared, or without in any place within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, Marches or territories, by which precept, as well such person or persons shall bee charged to leuie such money as the Officer of the place or places where suche distresse may bee taken, shall haue full power and authoritie to distreine euery suche person indebted, charged or chargeable, by this Acte, or his executors or administrators of his goodes and cattels, his Gardians, Factors, deputies, Leassees, Farmers and Assignees, and all other persons by whose handes or out of whose landes any such person should haue fee, rent, annuitie or other profite, or which at the time of the saide assessing, shall haue goods or cattels, or any other thing moueable of any such person or persons, beeing indebted or owing such summe, and the distresses so taken, cause to bee kept, appraised and solde in like maner and forme as is aforesaid, for the distresse to be taken vpon such persons to be tared to the said Subsidies, and being sufficient to distreine within the limits of the Collectors, inhabitants or other officers charged with or for the saide summes so vpon them to bee tared. And if any such distresse for non paiment happen to bee taken out of the limit of the saide persons charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shall perceiue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so laboureth for the same, two pence. And euery Farmer, Tenant, Gardian, Factor or other whatsoeuer person, beeing distreined, or otherwise charged for paiment of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shall bee of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his next day of paiment of the same, or at the deliuerie of such goods and cattels as hee that is so distreined, had in his custodie or gouernance, against him or them that shal be so tared and set, any graunt or writing obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithstanding.

And if any such person that should bee so distreined, haue no landes or tenements sufficient, whereby hee and his Tenants and

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farmers may bee distreined, or haue alienedꝛ eloyned or hidde his goods and cattels, wherby he should or might be distreined, in such maner that such goods & cattels should not bee knowen or found, so that the summe of or by him to bee payd in the said fourme, shall not ne can bee conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayd Commission shall bee thereunto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and set by the othes of him or them that shall bee charged with the leuie and paiment of that summe or summes: The same Commissioners shall make a precept in such maner as is aforesaid, for to attach, take and arrest the body of such person or persons, that ought to pay the saide summes, and by this Acte shall bee charged with and for the saide summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shire or other place, where any such person or persons shall bee taken and attached, there to remaine without baile or mainepryse, vntill hee hath payde the sayde summe or summes, that such person for him selfe or for any other by this Acte, shall bee chargeable or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery such arrest, to him or them that shall execute such precept, twentie pence: And that euery Officer vnto whome such precept shall bee directed, doe his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe twentie shillings: And that no keeper of any gaole, from his gaole suffer any such person to goe at large, by letting to baile, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue payd his sayde debt, and the sayde twentie pence for the sayde arrest, vpon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings: And the same gaoler to pay to the Queenes Maiestie the double value, aswell of the rate, which the saide person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the said twentie pence for the fees: And like proces and remedy in like forme shalbe granted by the said Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shall be thereunto appointed, at like information of euery person or persons being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the sayd Subsidies, and not thereof payd, but wilfully withdrawen, nor the same leuiable within the limits where such persons were thereunto taxed. And if the summe or summes being behinde vnpayde by any person or persons as is aforesayd, be leuied & gathered by force of the sayd proces to be made by the sayde Commissioners, or if in default or for lacke of paiment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe or summes of money, by proces of the same Commissioners to be made as is aforesayd, be committed to prison in forme abouesayd, that then the sayd Commissioners, which shall awarde such pro-

ceſſe, ſhall make certificate thereof in the ſayd Exchequer of that ſhalbe done in the premiſſes, in the Terme next following after ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money, ſo being behinde, ſhalbe leuied & gathered, or ſuch perſon or perſons for non paiment of ỹ ſame, committed to priſon. And if it happen any of the ſaid Collectors to be aſſigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewards, Conſtables, ỹ Headborough, Burſholder, Bailife, or any other officer or miniſter, or other whatſoeuer perſon or perſons, to diſobey the ſayd Commiſſioners, or any of them in the reaſonable requeſt to them made by the ſaid Commiſſioners, for execution of the ſayde commiſſion, or if any of the officers or other perſons doe refuſe that to them ſhall appertaine & belong to do, by reaſon of any precept to him or them to be directed, or any reaſonable commandement, inſtance or requeſt touching the premiſſes, or other default in any apparance or collection to make, or if any perſon being ſuſpect not to be indifferently taxed as is aforeſayd, doe refuſe to be examined according to the tenor of this Act before ỹ ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall be thereunto aſſigned, as is aforeſaid, or wil not appeare before the ſame Commiſſioners, vpon warning to him made, or els make reſiſtance or reſcous vpon any diſtreſſe vpon him to bee taken for any parcell of the ſayd Subſidies, or commit any miſbehauiour in any maner of wiſe, contrary to this Acte, or commit any wilfull omiſſion or other whatſoeuer wilfull doing or miſdoing contrary to the tenor of this Act or grant: The ſame Commiſſioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the leaſt, vpon probable knowledge of any ſuch miſdemeanors had, by information or examination, ſhall & may ſet vpon euery ſuch offender for euery ſuch offence in the name of a fine, by the ſame offender to be forfeited, xl.s. or vnder, by diſcretion of the ſame Commiſſioners: And further the ſame Commiſſioners and euery number of them or two of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue authoritie by this preſent Acte, to puniſh euery ſuch offender by impriſonment, there to remaine, & to be deliuered by their diſcretion, as ſhal ſeeme to them conuenient, the ſaid fines if any ſuch be, to be certified by the ſaid Commiſſioners that ſo aſſeſſed the ſame, into the Queenes Maieſties ſaid Exchequer, there to be leuied & paid by the Collecters of that part for the ſayde Subſidies, returned into the ſayd Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the paiment of the ſaid Subſidies, in ſuch maner as if the ſaid fines had bene ſet and taxed vpon the ſaid offenders for the ſaid Subſidies.

And it is alſo enacted by the ſaid authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery of the ſayd high Collectors, which ſhall accompt for any part of the ſaid ſubſidies in the ſaid Exchequer vpon their ſeuerall accompts to be yeelded, ſhalbe allowed at euery

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of the said payments of the saide subsidies, for euery pound limited to his collection, whereof any such Collector shal be charged and yeelde account, sixe pence, as parcell of their charge, that is to say, of euery pound thereof for such persons as then haue had the particular collection of the townes and other places as is aforesaide, specified in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pound thereof, euery of the saide chiefe Collectors or their Accomptants to retaine to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pound residue, to be deliuered, allowed and paide, by the said Collector so being thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners as shall take vpon them the businesse and labour for and about the premisses: that is to say, Euery Collector to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners which had the ordering of the writings of and for euery of the said Subsidies, where the said Collector or Collectors had their Collection, for the expenses for the said Commissioners, so taking vpon them the saide busines and labour of their Clarkes writing the saide precepts and extracts of the said collections, the same last two pence of euery pound to be deuided amongst the saide Commissioners, hauing regarde to their labour and busines taken by them and their saide Clarkes, in, & about the premisses, for which part, so to the said Commissioners apperteining, the saide Commissioners, sixe, fiue, foure, three, or two, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed by the Queenes Maiesties commission, & euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their saide part, may haue his remedie against the saide Collector or Collectors, which thereof bene or might haue bene allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendant shall not wage his Lawe, neither protection, neither iniunction or essoyne shall be allowed. And that no person now being of the number of the companie of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner shal be named or assigned to bee any Collector or Subcollector or Presentour of the saide Subsidies, or of any part thereof, nor no Commissioners shall be compelled to make any presentment or certificate other then the Queenes Maiesties saide Exchequer, of, for or concerning the said Subsidies, or any part or parcell thereof. And likewise that no other person that shall be named and assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidies, be or shall be assigned or named head Collector of any of the paiments of the saide Subsidies, neither of any part thereof. And that euery such person or persons which shall bee named and appointed as is aforesaide, to be head Collectors of and for the paiment of the saide first Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not bee compelled to bee Collector for the saide second Subsidie, nor for

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any part thereof. And he that shall bee named or appoynted as aforesaid to be Collector for the payment of the saide seconde Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not be compelled to be Collector for the first payment of the sayde thirde Subsidie, nor of any part thereof. And hee that shall bee named or appoynted as is aforesayde, to be Collector for the first payment of the sayd third Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not be compelled to be Collector for the seconde payment of the sayde thirde Subsidie, nor of any part thereof. And the saide Collectours which shall bee assigned for the collection of the saide three Subsidies, or for any part thereof, and euery of them, bee and shall bee acquited and discharged of all manner Fees, Rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or elsewhere, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, paiment or accounts, or any thing concerning the same to bee asked. And that if any person receiue or take any Fees, Rewards or pleasures, of any such accomptant, or vse any vnnecessary delay in their account, that then hee shall forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery peny or value of euery peny or peny wooorth so taken, fiue shillings, and fiue pounds to the partie grieued, for euery such delay, and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after euery taxing and assessing of the said seuerall Subsidies (as is aforesaid) had or made, and the saide extracts thereof in parchment, vnto the Collector in maner and forme before rehearsed, deliuered: the saide Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limites of their commission, by their agreements shall haue meetings together. At which meetings euery of the said commissioners, which then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the saide Commission, shall by himselfe or his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bring foorth vnto the saide Commissioners named in the saide Commission, the certificate and presentment made before him and suche other Commissioners as were limitted with him in one limite, so that the same certificate may bee accounted and cast with the other certificates of the other limits within the same Commission, and then the saide Commissioners and euery number of them, vnto two at the least as is aforesaide, if any bee in life, or their executors or administrators of their goods, if they then be dead, shall ioyntly and seuerally as they were diuided within their limites, vnder their Seales, by their discretion make one or seuerall writinges indented, conteining in it, as wel the names of the saide Collectors by the Commissioners, for such collection and accountes in the Exchequer, and paiment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes, written vnto euery such Collectours to receiue the saide Subsidies, and also all fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures,

feitures, if any such by reason of this Acte happen to be within the precinct and limit of their Commission, to be certified into the Queens Maieslties said Exchequer, by the said Commissioners. In which writing or writings indented so to be certified, shall be plainely declared and expressed the whole and entier summe or summes of the said Subsidies, severally limited to the collection of the sayd Collectours severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the said summes. So that none of the sayd Collectours so certified in the sayde Exchequer, shall be compelled there to account or to be charged, but onely to and for the summes limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his fellow: But every of them shalbe severally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the said Commissioners ioyned in one Commission amongst themselues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificat with other of the same Commissioners, that then the said Commissioners may make several Indentures in forme aforesaide of their severall limits or separations of Collectours within the limits of their Commission, vpon & in the Hundreds, Wards, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes or such other like Diuisions, within their said severall limits of their Commission, as the places there shall require to be severed and diuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good to make diuisions of their limits or collections, for the severall charges of the same Collectors, so that alway one Collector shalbe charged, and account for his part to him to be limitted onely by himselfe, and not for any summe limitted to the part of any of his fellowes: And the charges of every of the Collectors to be set and certified severally vpon them. And every such Collectour vpon his account and payment of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to be severally by himself acquited & discharged in the said Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewards to any person or persons for the same, vpon payne and penaltie last abouesayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And if any Commissioner after he hath taken certificat of them that as is aforesaide shall be before any such Commissioners examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes & writings therof being in his hands, or if any Collectour or other person charged with any receipt of any part of the sayde Subsidies, or any other person taxed or otherwise by this Acte charged with or for any parcell of the sayd Subsidies, or with any other summe, fine, amerciament, penalty, or other forfeiture, happen to die before the Commissioners, Collectours, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied or sufficiently discharged that which to euery such person shall appertaine or belong to

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do, according to this Act: Then the executors and heires of euery such person, and all other seised of any Lands and Tenements, that any such person being charged by this Act, & decealling before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely, had of estate of inheritance at the time, that any such person was named Commissioner, Collectour or otherwise charged with or for anie maner of thing to be done, satisfied or paide by reason of this Act, and all those that haue in their possessions or hands, any goods, cattels, leases or other things, that were to any such person or persons, at the time of his death, or any Landes or Tenements that were the same persons at the time hee was as is aforesaide charged by this Acte, shall be by the same compelled, and charged to doe and accomplish in euery case, as the same person so being charged should haue done, or might haue bene compelled to do, if he had bene in plaine life, after such rate of the lands & goods of the said Commissioner or Collector, as the party shall haue in his hands. And if the said commissioners for causes reasonable them mouing, shal thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate as is aforesaid, thē the said person or persons, that shall first ioyne together, or he that shal first certifie the said writing indented (as is aforesaid) shall certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that Commission, whereupon such writing shal be there then to be certified, with diuision of the Hundreds, Wapentakes, Wards, Tithings and other places, to & among such Commissioners of the same Commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such separations & diuisions shal be, with the grosse summes of money, as well of & for the said Subsidies taxed or set, of or within the said Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to him or them diuided or alligned, that shall so certifie the said first writing, as of þ fines, amerciaments, penalties & other forfeitures, if any happen to be within the same limits, whereof the same writings shall be certified. And after such writings indented, which as is aforesaid shal be certified, and not conteine in it the whole and full summes, set and taxed within the limits of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the day of paiment of the said Subsidie, shall certifie into the saide Exchequer, by their writing or writings indented, to be made as is aforesaid, the grosse and seuerall summes, set & taxed within the places to them limited, for euery of the said subsidies, and other fines, amerciaments, penalties and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreds, wards, Wapentakes, and other places to them alligned, or else by their saide writings indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of payment, such reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificate of and for the said subsidies, fines, amerciaments, and

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other forfeitures, growing or set by reason of the causes of their lets, or of their not certifying as is aforesaide, or else in default thereof, processe to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties saide Exchequer, against the said Commissioners, & of euery of them, not making certificate as is aforesaide, by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons of the said Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Martin called Stamford Baron, in the suburbs of the Borough & Towne of Stamford in the South part of the water there called Wellands, which hereafter shall be contributorie to the paiment of these present Subsidies granted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, shall be assessed, rated and tared for the same, by such Commissioners which shall be appoynted for the taring, rating & selling of the same subsidies within the Countie of Lincolne, and shall be for the same contributorie, and pay the said Subsidies to the Collector or Collectors which shall be assigned and appointed, for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the saide Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that all and euery person and persons hauing Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and other hereditaments chargeable to the paiment of the said subsidies granted to the Queens Maiesty by this Act, and also hauing spirituall possessions chargeable to her said Maiestie, by the grant made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their Conuocation, and ouer this, hauing substance in goods and cattels chargeable by this said Acte, that then if any of the said person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed and tared for the said Mannors, Lands and Tenements, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged and tared for his and their goods and cattels, that then he or they shall be onely charged by vertue of this Acte, for his & their said Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and spirituall possessions, or onelie for his said goods, and cattels, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Anything in this Acte conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that this grant of Subsidies or any thing therein conteined, in any wise extend not to charge the inhabitants dwelling in Ireland, Jerneley & Garnley, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels, or other moueable substance, which the said inhabitants or dwellers or any others to their vse haue, within Ireland, Jerneley, and Garnley, or in any of them, or of,

for, or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the sayde inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance and doing seruice to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie in Ireland, Jerneley and Garneley, or in any of them: any thing in this present Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this present Act of Subsidies, ne any thing therein contained, extend to any of the English inhabitants or resiants in any of the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or to any of thē, of, for or concerning any Manors, Landes, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels, or other moueable substance, which the same English inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the said Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the English inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance or doing seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the saide Counties of Northumberland, Cumberlande, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the saide taxing, leuying, gathering or paiment, but that the English inhabitants and resiants, and euery of them of the saide Counties, Bishopricke & Townes, & euery of them, shal bee of and from the said Subsidies, and euery parcell thereof onely for their Mannors, Landes, Tenements, Fees, Wages, goods and cattels, lying and being in the same Counties, Townes and Bishopricke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all letters patents granted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble progenitors, to any Cities, Boroughs, or Towns within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuiledges or exemptions from the burden and charge of any such grants of Subsidies, which bee at this present time in force and vaileable, shall remaine good and effectuall to the said Cities, Boroughs and Townes hereafter, according to the purports thereof, although the inhabitants of the same, and also the saide corporations, shall vpon the great and weighty considerations of the grant aboue said, be for this grant charged and contributorie, in the maner, forme and sort, as other Cities, Boroughs & Townes, which be not in any wise priuiledged, but by this Act charged.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no Orphant or Infant, within the age of xxi. yeeres, borne within

within any of the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, shall be charged to any paiment of these Subsidies, for his or her goods & cattels to him or her left or bequeathed, any thing in this Acte conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this Act, nor any thing therein conteined, shal extend to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall or Hostle within the Vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bishop Wickham, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Eaton nexte Windsor, or to the lands, tenements, or reuenewes onely alligned or appointed for the sustentation and liuing of the poore knightes founded in the Castle or Colledge of Windsor by our late Soueraigne Lorde king Henrie the eight, or to any of the goods or cattels of the same knights or any of them, or to the goods or landes of any common free Grammar Schoole within the realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goods of any Reader, Schoolemaster or Scholler, or any graduate resiant or remaining for studie without fraude or coutne within any of the saide Vniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, or suburbs of the same, or to any of them, or to any their seruants daily attending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Minister, Almes men, or seruants belonging to any of the said Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostels, and dwelling and resiant within the saide Vniuersities or either of them, or within either of the said Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, and the suburbs of the same, without fraude or coutne, or to the goods and lands of any Hospitall, Mailondieu, or spitle house, prepared and vsed for the sustentation & relefe of poore people, Any thing in this Acte conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted, that the said graunt of subsidies or any thing therein conteined, do not in any wise extend or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any of the inhabitants or resiants hauing dwelt for the most part of the yeere next before the taxing and assessing of these subsidies, as aforesayd, within the fiue portes corporate, or to any their members incorporated, or vnited to the same fiue ports, or to any of the same fiue portes, but that such the inhabitants or resiants as aforesaid, in the said fiue portes corporate, and their members, be and shall be of and from the said grant & payment of euery of the said Subsidies, and euery part thereof, and onely during such their resiancie as aforesaid, and no longer, clearely discharged & acquited, any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present Acte had or made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the saide graunt of subsidies and sixe fifteenes and Tenths, doe not in any wise extend or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the Englishe inhabitants or resiants at this present

time within the liberties of Rumney marsh, of, or for any part of the saide summes granted in this present Parliament, of the said English inhabitants now there resiants, or any of them to be taxed, set, asked, leuyed or payed, but that the saide English inhabitants, and now resiants of Rumney Marshe aforesaide, and euery of them be and shall be, of and from the said grant and payment of the said Subsidies and fyre Fifteenes and Tenthes, during their resiancie there, and no longer, acquited and discharged, any matter and whatsoeuer thing in this present Acte made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any alien or stranger borne, denizen or not denizen, and dwelling or inhabiting within this Realme of England, shall assigne or conuey ouer vnto any his or their childe or children borne within this saide Realme of England, any his or their landes, tenements, goodes or cattels, to the intent thereby to defraude the Queenes Maiestie of her saide Subsidies of or for the same, that then all and euery such childe or children so being seised of any such lands and tenements, or possessed of any such goods or cattels, shall be charged and chargeable to and with the payment of double the saide Subsidies for the same landes, tenements, goods and cattels, at the said rates and values as aliens and strangers, denizens or not denizens are before limitted and appoynted to pay.

Reginæ Elizabethæ.

¶An Acte for the Queenes

Maieſties moſt gratious generall and free Pardon.



HE Queenes Maieſtie moſt gratiouſly conſidering the good will and faithfull heartes of her moſt louing and obedient Subiects, which, as at all times, ſo at this preſent ſpecially, they haue with moſt dueti-full affection ſhewed towardes her Highneſſe, and for the defence of this Realme, And vnderſtanding that the ſame her louing Subiects haue many and ſundry wayes by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, fallen into the danger of diuers great penalties and forfeytures, Is of her princely and mercifull diſpoſition moſt graciouſly inclined by her liberall and free pardon, To diſcharge ſome part of thoſe great paines, forfeitures and penalties, wherewith her ſaid Subiects ſtand now burthened and charged, Truſting they will be thereby the rather mooued and induced from henceforth more carefully to obſerue her Highnes Lawes and Statutes, and to continue in their loyall and due obedience to her Maieſtie.

And therefore her Maieſtie is well pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliament in maner and forme following: That is to ſay, that al and euery the ſaid Subiects aſwell Spirituall as Temporall of this her Highneſſe Realme of England, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, and the towne of Barwike, the heires, ſucceſſours, executors and adminiſtrators of them and euery of them, and all and ſingular bodies in any maner of wiſe corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, Hamlets and Tithings, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſor and ſucceſſors of euery of them, ſhalbe by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors, and euery of them, of all maner of treaſons, felonies, offences, contempts, treſpalles, entries, wrongs, deceits, miſdemeanors, forfeitures, penalties, and ſummes of money, paines of death, paines corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other things, cauſes, quarrels, ſuites, iudgements and executions in

this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which may be or can be by her Highnesse in any wise or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the first day of December last past, to euery or any of her sayde subiects, bodies corporated, Cities, Boroughs, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tithings, or any of them.

And also the Queenes Highnes is contented, that it bee enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that her said free Pardon shalbe as good and effectual in the law to euery of her sayd subiects, bodies corporate, and others before rehearsed, in, for, & against all things which be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forprised, as the same Pardon should haue bene, if al offences, contempts, forfeitures, causes, matters, suites, quarels, iudgements, executions, penalties, & all other things not hereafter in this present act excepted & forprised, had bene particularly, singularly, specially & plainely named, rehearsed & specified, and also pardoned by proper and exprelle wordes and names in their kinds, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requisite to haue bene put in and exprelled in this present act of free pardon: And that her saide subiects nor any of them, nor the heires, executors or administrators of any of them, nor the said bodies corporat, and other before named and rehearsed, nor any of them be, nor shall be sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, goods, chattels, landes or tenements, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfeiture, trespasse, offence, or any other thing suffred, done or committed before the sayd first day of December against her Highnes, her crowne, Dignitie, Prerogatiue, Lawes or Statutes, but only for such matters, causes and offences as be rehearsed, mentioned or in some wise touched in the exceptions of this present act hereafter mentioned to be forprised and excepted, and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, customes or vsages heretofore had, made or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And the Queenes Highnes of her bounteous liberalitie, by the authority of this present Parliament, graunteth and freely giueth to euery of her subiects, and to euery of the saide bodies corporate and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all goods, chattels, debts, fines, issues, profits, amerciaments, forfeitures and summes of mony by any of them forfaited, which to her highnes do or should belong or appertaine by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, entrie, misdemeanor, matter, cause, or quarel done or committed by them or any of them before the sayde first day of December, which be not hereafter in this present act forprised and excepted.

And be it enacted neuertheleslle, that all graunts thereof, or of any part thereof, made by any such as haue so forfaited the same, and are hereby restored as aforesayd: and all executions thereof or of any part thereof, had against any such after such forfaiture thereof

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committed or made, shall be of such force and effect, as if no such forfaiture thereof had bin had or made, and of no other: The same forfaiture, or any thing before in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding. And that all and euery the Queenes said subiects, and all and singular bodies corporate and others before rehearsed, may by him or themselues, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their Attourney or Attourneys, according to the Lawes of this Realme plead and minister this present Act of free Pardon for his or their discharge, of and for any thing that is by vertue of this present Act pardoned, discharged, giuen or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wise paying to any person or persons for writing or entrie of the iudgements, or other cause concerning such plea, writing or entry, but onely xvi.d. to be paide to the Officer or Clarke that shall enter such plea, matter or iudgement for the parties discharged in that behalfe, any lawe, statute, vsage or custome to the contrary notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes Highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that her said free Pardon by the generall wordes, clauses & sentences before rehearsed, shall be reputed, deemed, adiudged, expounded, allowed and taken in all maner of Courtes of her Highnes and els where, most beneficiall and auaileable to all and singular her saide Subiects, bodies corporate and others before rehearsed, & to euery of them in all things not in this present Act excepted or forexpressed, without any ambiguitie, question, or other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heires or successors, or by her or any of their generall Attourney or Attourneys, or by any person or persons for her Highnesse, or any of her heires or successors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the Queene our Soueraine Lady, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that if any Officer or Clerke of any of her Highnes Courts commonly called the Chancery, Kings Bench, & Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other Officer or Clerke of any other of her Highnesse Courtes within this Realme, at any time after the last day of this present Session of Parliamẽt, make out or write out any maner of writs, Procesle, Summons, or other Precepts, whereby any of the saide Subiects, or any of the said bodies corporated, or others before rehearsed, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrained, summoned or otherwise vexed, inquieted or grieued in his or their bodies, landes, tenements, goods or chattels, or in any of them, for or because of any manner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free Pardon: Or if any Shirife or Escheator, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Baillife or other Officer whatsoeuer, by colour of his or their office or otherwise, after the said last day of this present Session of Parliament, do leuie, receiue, take or withhold of or from any person or persons any thing

pardoned or discharged by this Acte, that then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawfully conuicted or condemned by any sufficient testimonie, witnesse or proofe, shall yeelde and pay for recompence thereof to ỹ partie so grieued or offended thereby, his or their treble damages, besides all costs of ỹ suite: and shall also forfeite and lose to ỹ Queenes Maiestie, for euery such default, x.li. And neuertheless, all and singular such writtes, processe and precepts so to be made, for or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Act of free Pardon, shalbe vtterly void, & of none effect.

Except and alwayes forepriled out of this general and free Pardon, all and all maner of high Treasons & other offences committed or done by any person or persons against ỹ Queenes most royal person, and all conspiracies and confederacies traiterously had, committed or done by any person or persons against the Queenes Maiesties royall person.

And also excepted all and euery maner of treasons committed or done by any person or persons in the parts beyond ỹ seas, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions: & also al suites, punishments, executions, paines of death, forfeitures & penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any the treasons and offences before rehearsed.

And also excepted and forepriled out of this generall Pardon, all and euery offences of piracie and robberie done vpon the seas, and all and euery comforting, procuring or abetting of the same offences to be had, done or committed.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all maner of voluntarie murders, petit treasons, and wilful poisonings done or committed by any person or persons, and all and euery the accessaries to ỹ same offences or any of them, before the said offences committed.

And also excepted out of this Pardon al offences of forging & false counterfeiting of any the moneys currant within this Realme: And also all offences of vnlawful diminishing of any ỹ said moneys by any way or meanes whatsoeuer, contrary to ỹ lawes & statutes of this Realme: And also al abetting, aiding, comforting or procuring of the same offences or any of them to be committed or done.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all Burglaries committed or done in any dwelling house or houses, and all accessaries to any the said Burglaries, before the same Burglarie committed.

And also excepted all robberies done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the high way or els where: And al & singular accessaries of or to any such robberies before ỹ said robberie committed.

And also excepted the felonious stealing of any Horse, Gelding or Mare, and all accessaries thereunto, before the same felonie committed, and all iudgements and executions of and for the same.

And also all wilfull burnings of any dwelling house or houses, or of any barne or barnes wherein any corne was.

And also excepted all Rapes & carnall rauishments of women.

And also all rauishments and wilfull taking away or marying of any

any maid, widow or damosel against her will, or without ỹ assent or agreement of her parents, or of such as then had her in custody.

And also all offences of ayding comforting, procuring or abetting of any such rauishment, wilful taking or marying to be had, committed or done.

And also excepted all wilfull escapes of any traitors or felons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all persons now attainted or outlawed of or for any treasō, petit treason, murder, wilful poysoning, burglary or robbery, & al executions of & for the same.

And also excepted all offences of Inuocations, Conturations, witchcrafts, Sorceries, Inchantments and charmes, and al offences of procuring, abetting or comforting of the same, and all persons now attainted or conuicted of any of the said offences.

And also excepted all and euery maner of taking from the Queenes Maiestie of any goods or chattels, or ỹ Issues, Rentes, reuenues or profits of any Manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, which were of any Traytor, Murderer, Felon, Clarke or Clarks attainted, or fugitiues, or of any of them.

And also excepted all goods and chattels in any wise forfeyted to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any treason, petit treason, murder or felonie heretofore committed or done.

And also excepted all offences of, or in making, writing, printing or publishing, or in consenting to the making, writing, printing or publishing of any false, seditious or slanderous booke or bookes, libel or libels in any wise against the Queenes Maiestie, or the present gouernement of this Realme in causes eyther Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, or against any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all intrusions & spoile of woods, had, made or done by any person or persons, in or vpon any of the manors, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and al wasts done, committed or suffered vpon any such landes, tenementes or hereditaments, and the wrongful taking of any the rents, issues & profits of the same Manours, Lands, Tenementes or Hereditamentes of our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and also all Suites, Accounts and Impetitions of and for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all alienations of any lands, tenements or hereditaments without licence, & all fines, issues & profits that may or ought to grow or come to ỹ Queenes Maiestie by reason of any such alienation without licence.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes Wards lands, or in the Wards lands of any of the Queenes committees: And also al & euery fine and fines for the single or double value of the marriage or marriages of all and euery Ward or Wardes at any time heretofore growen to the Queenes Maiestie or any her noble Progenitours.

And also excepted all concealed Wardes, and the lands of such

wardes concealed, and all Liueries and Primer seisons, and ouster le maines that ought to be had, done or sued for the same.

And also excepted out of this generall Pardon, all raunshments and wrongfull taking or withholding of any of the Queenes Wards or Wards lands, or the rents and profits of the same, at any time commen or growen to the Queenes handes, and euery thing that by reason of any Ward or Wardes lands, or for default of suing or prosecuting of any liuery, ought or bee to the Queenes Maiestie, and which as yet is not discharged.

And also excepted all Fines that should or ought to grow to the Queenes Maiestie of any of her widowes that haue maried without licences.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successors, shall haue and enioy the full & whole interest, benefit, profite, and aduantage of all Wardships, Liueries, Primer seisons & ouster le maines of lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and all meane illues, rates & profites for not suing or not prosecuting of any Liuery or ouster le maine, as if this Act had neuer bene had or made: And that all & euery person or persons which haue tendered or ought to sue his, her, or their, or any of their liueries or ouster le maines, of or for any Manors, Landes, Tenements or hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his, her, & their Liuery and Liueries, and ouster le maines out of our said Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes hands, & shall answere & pay their fines, illues, and meane profits for his or their manours, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in like maner and forme to euery respect, as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, if this Act had neuer bene had ne made, notwithstanding the not finding of any office or offices, or any other matter whatsoeuer, Any article, thing or things in this present Act of generall Pardon comprised and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also excepted & forprised out of this Pardon, all such persons as ỹ last day of this present Session of Parliament be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of ỹ Marshalsey, or in the prison of the Fleete, or otherwise restrained of liberty by expresse commandemẽt from the Queenes Maiesty, or by the cõmandement or direction of any her Maiesties priuie Counsel.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, al and euery such person and persons, which at any time sithence the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, haue fledde out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes Dominions, for any offence of high Treason, petit Treason or misprision of Treason.

And also excepted all such persons as be gone or fled out of this Realme, for any cause contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence.

And also excepted all such persons as haue obteyned and had licence to depart this Realme for a certaine time, and now doe abide

bide out of the Realme without any lawful excuse, after the time of their licence expired.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery concealements or wrongful deteinments of any custome or Subsidie due to the Queenes Maiestie, and all accounts, impetitions and sutes to be had, made or done for the same.

And also excepted al and singular accounts of al and euery Collector and Collectors of any Subsidie, Fifteene, custome or other thing, & al accoũts of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accõptant to ỹ Queenes Highnes, or to her most noble Father king Henry the eight, or to king Edward the first, or Queene Mary, or to any of them, and the heires, executors & administrators of euery such person that ought to account for al things touching onely the same accounts: And al and singular arrerages of accounts, and all vntrue accounts, & all impetitions, charges of seisures, sutes, demands & executions, which can or may bee had, of or for any account or accounts, or any arrerages of the same.

And also excepted all incloſures and decayes of houses of husbandry, and the conuerting or keeping of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the forme and effect of any Statute or Statutes heretofore made.

And also excepted and forepriſed out of this Pardon, all and all maner of deceits and offences of all & singular moneyers & other Officers, Wynters and workemen of or in any the Queenes Maiesties mints within this Realme or any other her Dominions, and all impetitions and punishments for the same.

And also excepted all titles and actions of Quare impedit, & all Homages, Reliefe and Reliefs, Harriots, Rent Seruices, Rent charges, Rent Secks, and the arrerages of the same, not done or paied to the Queenes Highnesse.

And also excepted all conditions & couenants, & all penalties, titles & forfeitures of condition or conditions, couenant or couenants accrued or growen to ỹ Queens Maiesty, by reason of the breach & not performing of any couenãt or condiciõ whatsoeuer.

And also excepted all summes of mony granted to the Queens Maiestie, or any her Noble progenitors, by way or meane of Subsidie, Fifteene, Tenth, or otherwise, and all concealements, fraudes, & offences, by which her Maiestie hath bene deceiued, or not truely answered of or for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all debts which were or be due to our souerayigne Lady the Queene, or to the most noble king of famous memory king Henry ỹ 7. king Henry the 8. king Ed. the 6. or to ỹ late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons for or to any of their vses, by any condemnation, Recognisance, Obligation or otherwise (other then such debts as are due vpon any Obligatiõ or Recognizance forfeited before the said first day of December for non apparance in any Courte or other place whatsoeuer, or for not keeping of ỹ peace, or not being of good behauiour,

hauiour, which debts growen or accrued vpon these causes, by this free Pardon be and shalbe clerely pardoned and discharged.)

And also excepted and forepriſed out of this Pardon, all & singular penalties, forfeitures & ſummes of money, being due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lady ỳ Queene, by reason of any Act, Statute, or Statutes: which forfeitures, penalties, & ſummes of mony be conuerted into the nature of debt, by any Judgment, order or decree, or by the agreement of the offender or offenders.

And also excepted all forfeitures of al leaſes, eſtates, or interests of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, holden of our Soueraigne Lady ỳ Queenes Maieſtie, by Knights ſeruice, or in ſoccage in capite, or otherwiſe by Knights ſeruice, made in one or ſeueral aſſurãces or leaſes for any terme or termes of yeres, whereupon the olde and accuſtomed rent or more is not reſerued.

And also excepted all firſt fruites and Tenthes at this preſent being due to be payd to her Maieſtie, by force of any Act or Statute, or otherwiſe.

And also excepted al penalties & forfeitures, wherof there is any good verdict in any ſute giuen or paſt for the Queenes Maieſtie.

And also excepted all forfeitures, and other penalties & profites now due, accrued or growen, or which ſhal or may be due, accrue or grow to ỳ Queenes Maieſtie, by reaſon of any offence, miſdemeanor or contempt, or other act or deede, had, ſuffred, cõmitted or done contrary to any act, ſtatute or ſtatutes, or contrary to ỳ common lawes of this realme, & whereof or for the which any action, bil, plaint or information at any time within eight yeres next before the laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, hath bene or ſhall be exhibited, commenced or ſued in the Courts of Starre Chamber or Exchequer chamber, or in any the Q. Maieſties courts at Weſtminſter, & now is, or ỳ ſaid laſt day of this ſeſſion of Parliament ſhalbe there depending or remaining to be proſecuted, or wherof ỳ Q. Highnes by her bil ſigned or otherwiſe heretofore hath made any gift or aſſignement to any perſon or perſons.

And also excepted out of this generall & free Pardon, all offences, contempts, diſorders, couens, fraudes, deceits, & miſdemeanors whatſoeuer heretofore committed or done by any perſon or perſons, & wherof or for the which any ſute by bil, plaint or information at any time within foure yeres nert before the laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parlament is or ſhalbe commenced, or exhibited in the court of Starre chamber at weſtminſter, & ſhalbe there the ſame laſt day of this Seſſion of Parliament depending.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of periuries, & ſubornation of witneſſes, & offences of forging & counterfaiting of any falſe deedes, eſcripts or writings, & all procuring or counſelling of any ſuch counterfaitting or forging to be had or made.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all & euery offence or offences touching or concerning the carying, ſending or conueying

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ouer the seas or out of this Realme, of any gold, siluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde or siluer, contrary to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were by the Queenes licence.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of incest, adulterie, fornication, and simonie, & all misdemeanors and disturbances, cõmitted & made in any Church or Chappel in the time of common prayer, preaching, or diuine seruice there vsed, to the disturbance thereof, and all outlawries and prosecutions vpon the same.

And also excepted all offences, whereby any person may be charged with the penaltie and danger of Præmunire, and of the which offence or offences any person standeth already indicted, or otherwise lawfully condemned or conuicted.

And also excepted all dilapidations, for which any suite is, or before the ende of this Session of Parliament shalbe depending.

And also excepted al offences whatsoeuer in shipping, or willingly assenting or causing to be shipped to be transported into any the partes beyond the Seas out of the obedience of her Maiestie, any gunnes, ordinance, shot, or gunne metall, contrary to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, without licence of her Maiestie in that behalfe first had and obteined, and also all such as couenously or by consent, or for the relefe of such as haue offended in or against any popular or penall statute, haue for the same offence or offences exhibited any action, bill, plaint, information or sute against any such offender or offenders.

And except also all offences in taking away, imbezeling or purloining any the Queenes Maiesties goods, money, chattels, iewels, armour, munition, ordinance, or other habiliments of warre.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all extortions, couens, frauds, deceites, & other disorders and misdemeanors whatsoeuer heretofore committed or done by any vndersherife, in or by reason or colour of his office: and all offences of aiding, comforting, assisting or procuring of any vndersherife, in contriuing, doing or executing any the same extortions, exactions, couens, fraudes, deceits, disorders or misdemeanors.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all vnlawful taking away and rescusses made of any prisoner being in or vnder any arrest or custodie: and all breaking, & attempting to breake any of her Maiesties prisons, and all offences of aiding, or procuring thereof.

And also excepted all offences, contempts, disorders, and misdemeanors committed or done by any person or persons contrary to the lawes of the Forrests, within the circuite or precinct of her Maiesties Forrests of Windlor and Waltham, or of either of them, and all penalties for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciaments, being totted, leuied, or receiued by any sherife, vndersherife, bailife, minister or other officer, to or for ỹ Queenes Maiesties vse or behoofe, before ỹ last day of this present session of Parliament,

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and all iſſues, fines & amerciaments, aſſerred, taxed, ſet, eſtreated or entred ſeuerally or particularly touching or cõcerning any one perſon or mo perſons ioyntly or ſeuerally, aboue ỹ ſum of ſixe pounds.

And alſo excepted all iſſues, fines and amerciaments returned, aſſerred, taxed, ſet or entred ſeuerally or particularly in any Court of Record at Weſtminſter, at any time ſithence the feaſt of S. Michael Tharchangel laſt paſt.

And yet neuertheleſſe all other fines, as well fines pro licentia concordandi, as others, ſet, taxed, eſtreated or entred before the ſaid feaſt of Saint Michael the Archangel, & alſo all iſſues, & amerciaments, aſwell reall as others, within any liberties or without, being ſet, taxed, eſtreated or entred before the ſaide feaſt of Saint Michael the Archangel, and which ſeuerally or particularly extend to or vnder the ſumme of ſixe pounds and not aboue, whether they be eſtreated or not eſtreated, or whether they be turned into debt or not turned into debt, and not being totted, leuied or receiued by any Sherife, vnder Sherife, miniſter or other Officer to or for the Queenes Maieſties vſe or behoofe, before the laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be freely, cleerely and plainely pardoned & diſcharged againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors for euer, by force of this preſent Act of free Pardon.

And yet neuertheleſſe, all eſtreates of ſuch fines, iſſues & amerciaments, as be nowe pardoned by this Acte, and which be already eſtreated forth of the Court of Exchequer, and be remaining in the hands of ỹ Sherife, vnder Sherife or Bailife for collecting of the ſame fines, iſſues and amerciaments, ſhall vpon the returne of the ſame eſtreates be orderly charged & deliuered by ſcrowes into the office of the Pipe in the Court of Exchequer, as heretofore hath bin accuſtomed, to the intent that thereupon order may be taken that her Maieſtie may be the more truely anſwered of all ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments not by this Acte pardoned, and which any Sherife, vnder Sherife, Bailife or other officer or miniſter hath receiued or ought to anſwere by force or colour of any ſuch eſtreate, proceſſe, or precept to him or them made for the leuying thereof: And yet that notwithſtanding, all and euery Sherife & Sherifes, and other accomptant vpon his or their petition or petitions to be made for the allowance of any ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments as by this Act is pardoned, ſhall haue all and euery ſuch his and their petition allowed in his and their account & accounts, without paying any fee or reward to any Officer, Clerke or other miniſter, for the making, entring or allowing of any ſuch petition or petitions, any vſage or cuſtome to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all goods, chattels, debts, actions & ſutes already forfaited, or whereof any right or title is accrued or growen to ỹ Queenes Maieſtie by reaſon of any outlawrie, and whereof the Queenes Maieſtie by her Highnes letters patents, hath before ỹ laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament made

made any graunt, couenant or promise to any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all such persons, which haue committed or done any offence or offences contrary to the tenour or effect of the statute made in the xxviii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, entituled, An Act against Iesuites, Seminarie priests, and other such disobedient persons, or of any part thereof: and all outlawries, proceedings, iudgements and executions vpon the same offences or any of them.

And also excepted all persons which haue committed or done any offence, contrary to the statute made in the xxiii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, entituled, An Acte to retaine the Queenes Maiesties subiects in their due obedience, or any part thereof: And all outlawries, proceedings, and Iudgements, and executions vpon the same offences or any of them, for such and so long time as they shall continue disobedient or wilfully obstinate in any the same offences. And yet neuertheless whensoeuer the same persons, or any of them shall willingly submit themselues in their due obedience to her Maiestie, and wil come to the Church to heare Diuine seruice, and willingly refuse the said wilfull obstinacie, & conforme themselues in the sayd causes of religion and doctrine, and continue in such their conformitie & due obedience to her Maiestie, according as by the Lawes and statutes of this Realme they ought to doe: that then and from thencefoorth all and euery such person and persons, so submitting and yeelding themselues in their due obedience towards her Maiestie, and so continuing in the same, shall foorthwith be receiued and enabled by force of this Act, to haue and enioy the full benefite of this generall Pardon, as largely and fully in all respects, as any other of her Maiesties good subiects haue or ought to enioy by vertue of this Act of generall Pardon.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all such persons as be and remaine still attainted or condemned, and not already pardoned, of or for any rebellion, or leuying of warre, or of or for any conspiracie of any rebellion or leuying of warre within this Realme, or in any other the Queenes Dominions.

And also excepted all false forging, or counterfaitting of any Commission or Commissions to enquire of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, and also all false forging and counterfaitting of any vntrue certificat or returne of any Commission or Commissions, obtained or gotten forth of any Court or Courts, to enquire of any lands, tenements, or other things whatsoeuer: And all and all maner falsifying of any particular, or of any Bill or Bill signed by her Maiestie, after the engrolling thereof, and before the palling of the same vnto the great Seale.

And except also out of this Pardon all offences committed or done by any person or persons in newe building, diuiding of tenements, taking of Inmates, newe inclosures, and other Nusances in any place within the Citie of London, and Suburbes of the same, or within three miles of the sayd Citie, contrarie to the Law,

or

or any her Maiesties Proclamations in that behalfe made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shal and may be lawful to all and euery Clearke and other Officers of the Queenes Courtes, to awarde and make Writs of Capias vtlagat. at the suite of the partie plaintife against such persons outlawed as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendant and defendants to make answere to the plaintife or plaintifes at whose suite hee or they were outlawed, and that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a Writte of Scire facias against the partie or parties at whose suite hee or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe allowed to him or them that so is outlawed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that this Acte of generall Pardon shall not in any wise extend to any person outlawed vpon any Writ of Capias ad satisfaciendum, vntill such time as the person so outlawed shall satisfie or otherwise agree with the partie at whose suite the same person was so outlawed or condemned.

Prouided likewise, and bee it enacted, that neither this Act of generall Pardon, nor any thing therein conteined, shall in any wise extend to any person, that is or shalbe put to execution, at any time before ten dayes after the end of this Session of Parliament, Or to pardon or discharge any offence or misdemeanor committed or done by any Purueiour or other Taker whatsoeuer, in taking or purueying of any prouision whatsoeuer for the Queenes Maiesties houshold, or otherwise to the Queenes Highnesse behoofe, or by pretence or colour thereof, contrary vnto or against any the Lawes or Statutes in that behalfe made or ordeined.

Prouided also, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that neither this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extend to pardon or discharge any offence committed or done by any Commissioner, Captaine or other person whatsoeuer, in the corrupt taking or hauing of any money or other gift or reward for the changing, releasing, or discharging of any Souldier prest or appointed to serue her Maiestie in the defence of the Realme or otherwise: or any offence committed or done by any against the Ecclesiasticall state or gouernment established in this Realme, or any heresie or schisme in Religion whatsoeuer.

God saue the Queene.

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